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Prudentials of the Town for the year 1767

Lancaster March y^d 2^d 1768 Here Follows the Account of the Prudentials of the Town of Lancaster for the Year 1767. the Select men have made a Highway rate of Two Hundred Pounds and have delivered Lists thereof to the severall Surveyors of s^d Town, they have also apesed the Inhabitants of said Town with a Provins Tax by Three Hundred and Thirty two pounds three Shillings & One peney, and delivered Lists thereof to the severall Constables of said Town for said Year, and have sent a Certificate thereof to the Prov^ce Treasurer, they have also Made a Town & County Rate of the sum of One Hundred and Eighty five Pounds, fifteen Shillings and Eight pence, Sixteen pounds fifteen Shillings & Eight pence, part thereof for the County, and One Hundred and Seventy pounds the remaining part thereof being for the Town and have Delivered Lists thereof to the Constables of said Town with warrants to Collect & pay as Follows viz the Town part to be paid to Peter Green Town Treasurer by the Last day of February, and the County's part to be paid to be paid to the Honble John Chandler Esqr by the Last day of March Instant: — Here Follows the Account of the Town of Lancaster with Peter Green Town Treasurer, to the Town of Lancaster — Dr

To the Ballance that remained in his hands last Year as Appears by the Auditt Adjusted in the Town Book — £189..14..4¾

By Cash Rec^d of the Severall Constables — 170..0..0

£259..14..4¾

Per Contra — By sundry Orders drawn by Selectmen on P. Green

by an Order in favour of Ens^n Wilder for schooling — 3..13..10..2
by D^o in fav^r of Abel Willard for keeping Jon^a Sugg — 3..6..8
by D^o in fav^r of Ens^n Wilder for warning Inoculators out of Town — 1..11..6
by D^o in fav^r of D^o for Gardners Maynard rates — 0..9..8
by D^o in fav^r of Abner Wilder for 382 feet of Plank — 1..2..9..3
by D^o in fav^r of Daniel Albert for keeping a Poor Child — 2..12..0
by D^o in fav^r of Eph^m Sawyer for schooling — 12..2..9
by D^o in fav^r of Sam^ll Prentice for schooling — 16..0..2
by D^o in fav^r of Joseph White for Rye for the Poor — 4..0
by D^o in fav^r of Selby Moor for 4 Cord of Wood for the Poor — 18..9

£..17..4¾

Recorded January 1, 1768 & Examined by me Wm Lincoln Town Clerk

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To sundrys Inh.ts Dr. £ 26.17.4.3

To an order in favour of Col.o Willard for boarding schoolmaster 3.6.0.0

D.o in fav.r of Amos Sawyer his Rates being too small 0.18.4.3

D.o in fav.r of Joseph Wilder Esq.r nail for the school House 0.5.4.0

D.o in fav.r of Tho.s Sawyer for 8 Days & Expences & for keeping a Poor Child Cloathing & recording a warrant for Warning } 3.0.10.2

D.o in fav.r of Jon.a Brooks for 160 feet of Plank 1.9.4

D.o in fav.r of Aaron Sawyer for 14 Days service for the Town 2.2.0.3

D.o in fav.r of Nath.l Wyman 6 times and Expences in Providing for the Poor and finding Paper } 4.8.2.1

D.o in fav.r of David Wilder for his time & Expences in the Town Service } 4.12.10

D.o in fav.r of Caleb Wilder for sundry Articles 4.3.11.2

D.o in fav.r of Nath.l Sawyer for keeping a Poor Child 0.14.0.0

D.o in fav.r of Rufa Whitcomb for school money 4.3.3.1

D.o in fav.r of Eph.m Wilder for schooling 7.14.4.0

D.o in fav.r of Amos Sawyer for Tho.s Wilders Rates 0.9.8

D.o in fav.r of Cyrus Fairbank for Rec.d of Abigail Woodbury 5.6.0

D.o in fav.r of Eph.m Willard for schooling 9.15.6.2

D.o in fav.r of Joseph Wilborne for keeping Poor Child 3.13.6

D.o in fav.r of Henry Haskell for schooling 4.14.1.1

D.o in fav.r of Benj.a Hawes Junr for 3 Rods of Plank 0.6.9.2

D.o in fav.r of Caleb Wilder for Land & Expences to Boston 0.18.8

D.o in fav.r of Daniel Albert for keeping a Poor Child 2.13.4

D.o in fav.r of Tho.s Rendall for keeping Benj.a Woodbury 0.2.0.0

D.o in fav.r of Peter & Pierson Cheesbro for Mending Hanch Harris 1.11.1

D.o in fav.r of Eph.m Wilder for his Rates being small 0.6.2.1

D.o in fav.r of David Wilder for transporting the Stranch 0.6.0.0

D.o in fav.r of Levi Willard for transcribing the Records 2.0.10

D.o in fav.r of Ebenezer Phillips for schooling 2.8.9

D.o in fav.r of Joshua Fairbank for Plank in full 0.6.0

D.o in fav.r of John Warner for schooling 2.15.0

D.o in fav.r of W.m Abijah Wyman for Mr Swan's Keeping } 0.12.0

D.o in fav.r of M.r Tucker for schooling 5.17.5.2

D.o in fav.r of Josiah Fairbank for 376 feet Plank & 151 Pole stuff 1.6.9

D.o in fav.r of Josiah Wilder for Keeping school 8.17.0.2

D.o in fav.r of Peter Green for schooling & Board 12.17.4

D.o in fav.r of Eph.m Wilder & for Benj.a Tompson being over rated 4.3.1

D.o in fav.r of Jon.a Whitney for Mending the pound 0.9.4

D.o in fav.r of Jer.h Haskell for Japhar Wymans Rates 0.9.0

D.o in favour of John May for 180 feet of Plank 0.12.0.7

D.o in favour of Jacob Howle for Work at the Bridge 0.3.0.1

D.o in favour of Joseph Whitcomb for keeping Black Child 14.8.1

D.o in favour of M.r Whelen for diging Lydiana Turner 0.3.4.0

D.o in favour of Jon.a Knight for keeping a Poor Child 5.8.0

Ban Order in favour of Jeremiah Hasheil for warning People out of Town	1.. 5.. 8
D.o in fav.r of D.o for Rev.d Mr Priest & Selectmen Waiter Rates	3.. 8.. 5.. 3
D.o in fav.r of Nath.l Wright for schooling	6.. 9.. 10.. 2
D.o in fav.r of David Osgood for schooling	10.. 15.. 8
D.o in fav.r of Cyrus Fairbank for cloathing Abig.l Woodbury	12.. 3
D.o in fav.r of Josiah Ballard for schooling	6.. 9.. 10
D.o in fav.r of John Prescott for Corn for Rugg	10.. 4
D.o in fav.r of D.o for schooling	1.. 7.. 9½
D.o in fav.r of Dor. Prentiss for Boarding Jos.h Rugg	1.. 8.. 8
D.o in fav.r of Asa.l Hasheil for schooling	3.. 12.. 0
D.o in fav.r of Peter Green for Thing for the Poor 4/6 & 9/11½ & mistake in making Last Year	14.. 2½
	180.. 15.. 9
Ballance due from Sam.l Green & the Town of Lancaster	178.. 18.. 7.. 2
	£ 359.. 14.. 4.. 2

March 7 1768 The Town Voted & Accepted the Acco.t

Caleb Wilder
Thd. Sawyer
Aaron Sawyer
Nath.l Wyman
Select Men of Lancaster

Worcester ss. To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants
D of the Town of Lancaster Legaly Qualified to
Vote in Town affairs ..... Greeting

The warning for march meeting for 1768

In his Majesty's Name you are hereby required to meet at the Meeting House in the first Precinct in Lancaster on Monday the Seventh Day of March Next at Nine O Clock in the forenoon then and there to Act on the following Articles, viz

1st. To Chuse a Moderator for the Government of said Meeting
2.dly To Chuse Town officers for said Town the ensuing Year it being Your Annual Meeting for that purpose
3.dly To See if the Town will Appoint Surveyors of Highways to be Collectors & give them such Orders as they think fit .....
4.thly To See if the Town will Accept of a Road laid out from the Land of Sam.l Kendall Jun.r by Aaron Willards to Capt. Hasheils field .....

also

allso another Road from Willm Deputrons by Willm Browns to Shirley line. — allso another Road from South Meadows to Aaron Sawyers — allso another Road from Josiah Wilders to Aaron Sawyers, and allso Another Road from Aaron Sawyers to Phinehas Howes & from there to Sterwsbury line where their Road meets — Sterwis a Road from Jam.s Hend allsh Stillwater

5thly To see if the Town will grant Money to Defray the Charges of the Irogish Neutrals. — — — —

6thly To see if the Town will pay the transporting third the Town by the Constables — — — —

7thly To see if the Town will grant Money to Defray the Necessary Charges of s.d Town for the present Year

8thly To see if the Town will Zebulon Rice the Old Road that goes the west side of his House for the Comply Road the East side of his House —

9th To see if the Town will discontinue the Road on the North side of Capt Joseph Moors mill, & let it go on the south side of said mill — — —

By Order of the Select men

Lancaster Febry 15th 1768 Levi Willard Jr Clerk

a True Copy Attest Levi Willard Jr Clerk

March Meeting for 1768

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally Warned Held on Monday the Seventh day of March A.D 1768 in the first precinct in Lancaster at Nine o Clock in forenoon

first. Chose William Richardson Esq.r Moderator

2dly Voted and Chose Mess.rs Abijah Willard Peter Greene Tho.s Sayer, Aaron Sawyer and Ezra Houghton Select men — — — — — — — —

3dly Chose Mr Levi Willard Town Clerk —

4thly Chose Peter Green Town Treasurer

5th Chose Mess.rs Levi Nichols, Silly Moors David Goodenow Junr & Micah Hartshorn Constables — —

6thly Chose Mess.rs Nath.l Wyman Joshua Fletcher Jeremiah Burpee & Jon.a Osgood Wardens for s.d Town

6th Chose Messrs Daniel Willard
David Baldwin
Christr. Osgood
Col: Joseph Wilder
Josiah Bennett
Joshua Fairbank
James Locke
Oliver Powers
Amos Jewett Junr.
Samel Snow
Barzillai Holt
John Pearson
Samel Bailey Jnr.
Willm Jewett
} Surveyors of Highways

7th Chose Messrs Jona Whitney
Matthew Knight
Roger Coffin
Phinr. Beman
} Field Drivers

8th Chose Messrs Jona Knight
Wm Dunsmoor
Amos Rugg
Jona Prescott
} Fence Viewers

9th Chose Messrs Jeremh Hastings
Hezekh Fairbank
Jona Fairbank
} Sealers of Leather

10th Chose Messrs Asa Whetcomb
Moses Sawyer
} Deer Reeves

11th Chose Messrs Col Wm Dunsmoor
Asahah Phelps
} Swine Reeves

12th Chose Messrs John Locke
Aaron Willard Jnr.
John Brooks
Jabez Fairbank
} Sythings Men

13th Chose Messrs Aaron Willard Jnr.
Jona Wilder
} Sealers of Boards Shingles &c

14th Chose Messrs Hezekh Gates
Josiah Wilder
} Fire Wards

Turn over

15th Voted to Raise One Hundred and four pounds for the Support of Schools

16th Voted to Raise Seventy pounds for the Support of the Poor & other Necessary Charges that shall arise in said Town

17th Voted to Raise One Hundred pounds to be worked out on the High Ways & Bridges and on the same Rate for men Oxen &c as last year

18th Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to May Meeting to being the Seventeenth Day of may next

Voted to Adjourn the Article in the warrent relative to the Road from South Meaden to Aaron Sawyers to may meeting

allso to refer the Road from Sam.a Kendalls to Still Water to may meeting

allso the Article relative to the from Josiah Willards to Aaron Sawyers to may meeting

allso the Article Relative to the Road by Aaron Willards to may meeting

allso to refer the Article relative to the Road by Zebulen Rices to may meeting

Voted to discontinue the Road the North side of Capt. Moors Mill & let it go the South side of said Mill in Lue of the[m]

William Richardson Moderator

a True Copy attest Levi Willard Town Clerk

To Levi Willard Esqr. Town Clerk of the Town of Lancaster this may Certify that Mr. Samuel Locke hath informed me he hath taken into his House Mr. Nathaniel Richardson of Boston who came on November the Twentieth 1768

Lancaster Decem.r 8th 1768 Peter Green } one of the Selectmen of Lancaster

Decem.r 8. 1768 a True Copy

attest Levi Willard Town Clerk

Stoddin December 7th 1768, we the Subscribers this day met three Select men of Lancaster & preambulated the Lines between Lancaster & Stoddin as far as they and we Join & also renewed Sundry Marks and Lines

Jona Rice } Select Men
Paul Raymond } of Stoddin

Princetown December 7th 1768
we the Subscribers this day met the Select Men of Lancaster and Preambulated between Lancaster and Princetown as far as Lancaster and Princetown Joyn also renewed Sundry corners & Bounds

Joshua Brigham } Select Men
Adonijah Howe } of Princetown

Leominster December 7th 1768 we the Subscribers this day met the Select men of Lancaster and Preambulated between Lancaster & Leominster & renewed Sundry Corners and bounds on said Line

Stephen Bush } Select Men
Thather Houghton } of
by order of the Select men } Leominster
of Leominster

Lancaster Decem 12 1768
a true Copy
attest Levi Willard Town Clerk

Prudentials of the Town for 1768.

Lancaster March 9th 1769 -

Here Follows the Account of the Prudentials of the Town of Lancaster for the year 1768 the Select Men have made a highway rate of £136. and have and have delivered Each the one to the several Surveyors of said Town, they have also Assessed the Inhabitants of said with a town & County Rate of the Sum of one Hundred and Ninety Pounds fifteen Shillings & Eight pence Sixteen pounds fifteen Shillings and Eight pence Part thereof for the County and one Hundred and Seventy four Pound the Remaining part thereof to the town and have Delivered Each thereof to the Constables of Said town with warrants to Collect & to pay as follows viz the town part to be paid to Peter Green Town Treasurer by the 20th Day of February Instant and the County part to be paid to the Honble John Chandler by the Last Day of March Instant Here Follows the the Account of the Town of Lancaster with Peter Green town Treasurer Peter Green Town Treasurer to the Town of Lancaster

	Dr. to the Ballance that Remained in his Hands last Year as appears by the accounts adjusted in the Town Book	£178-18-7½
	To Cash the Rest of the Several Constables	174-0-0
		£352-18-7½
	Cr. by Sundry orders Drawn by the Select Men on said Green	£12-0
	Dr. in order in favr of Davis in Roxbury	2-5
	Dr. in favr of Joseph Hilborn	2-5-5
	Dr. in favr of Josiah Fairbank	15-6½
	Dr. in favr of Jonathan Bayley	2-11-0
	Dr. in favr of Jonathan Wilder	2-8-0
	Dr. in favr of Nathaniel Wilder	1-0-0
	Dr. in favr of Sara Houghton	6-0
	Dr. in favr of Roger Hobbins	16-12-0
	Dr. in favr of Thomas Sawyer	8-17-0½
	Dr. in favr of Josiah Wilder	6
	Dr. in favr of James Houghton Junr	1-18-0
	Dr. in favr of John Way	51-7-0

Sum Brought Forward	£54-7-0
Order in favr of Daniel Abert	2-11-8
D° in favr of Aron Sawyer	2-3-3¼
D° in favr of Jonathan Wilder	5-7-10¼
D° in favr of Ephraim Wilder	7-6-11½
D° in favr of Thomas Sawyer	2-4-3
D° in favr of Ephraim Wilder	7-18-4
D° in favr of Caleb Wilder	1-16-3½
D° in favr of John Prescott	1-7-3¾
D° in favr of Nathaniel Wright	12-17-10
D° in favr of Levy Willard	3-0-2
D° in favr of Lefty Willard	1-13-4
D° in favr of Thornton Prentice	2-4-6
D° in favr of Josiah Bennett	10-0
D° in favr of David Wilder	2-3-0½
D° in favr of Hezekiah Yates	1-3-0
D° in favr of Joseph Carter	5-4
D° in favr of William Locker	5-18-0
D° in favr of John Phelps	2-10
D° in favr of Silley Abbot	6-0
D° in favr of Sipprothy Goodenough	4-9-8
D° in favr of Mary Ephr Dwight	2-8-11½
D° in favr of Abijah Willard	11-4-8
D° in favr of Reuben Sipperwell	5-7-3
D° in favr of Joseph Whitcomb	7-19-7¼
D° in favr of Ruth James	1-4-0
D° in favr of Hooker Osgood	9
D° in favr of Joseph North	2-5-6
D° in favr of Aron Wares	2-8
D° in favr of Nathaniel Wyman	2-16-3½
D° in favr of Nathan Phillips	1-19-6½
D° in favr of Moses Sawyer	5-4
	153-2-10
	352-18-7½
Ballance due from said Town to the Town of Lancaster	£199-15-9½

Abijah Willard
Eph. Houghton
Aron Sawyer
} Selectmen of Lancaster

Warning for March Meeting for 1769

Worcester ss. To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs Greeting

In his Majesties Name you are hereby Required to Meet at the Meeting House in the Second precinct in Lancaster on Monday the Sixth day of March Next at Nine o Clock in the Forenoon then and there to Act on the following Articles viz

1st To Chuse a Moderator for the Government of said Meeting

2d To Chuse Town officers for said Town the ensuing year it being the Annual Meeting for that purpose

3d To grant Money to defray the Town Charges for the Year 1769

4th To see how much money the Town will Grant for Schooling

5th To see if the Town will Accept of a Road beginning at the County Road this side of Nath Waters Bridge from there by Samuel Randalls into the Road formerly laid out

6th To see if the Town will Accept of a Road laid out from Mr Josiah Wilders by Joseph Sawyers into the Road from William Dunmoors and to Aaron Sawyers

7th To see if the Town will Accept of a Road from the Northwest corner of Capt Davenports Farm by Micah Hartshorns & so over the Bridge below Brooks Mill

8th To see if the Town will Accept of a Road from the North side of South Meadow to Aaron Sawyers

9th To see if the Town will discontinue the Old Road by Zebulon Rice's House in Lieu of the County Road and allow the same to said Rice

10th To see if the Town will discontinue the Old Road and Accept of it where it is now Laid by Eli Moors

11th To see if the Town will discontinue the Road as formerly laid out over the Hollow & Accept of it where it is now laid from the Road Mr Wallers to the meeting House

12th To see if the Town will discontinue the Road as formerly laid out and Accept of the Road where it is now from the corner of the Widow Bra Brooks Land in the Valley near the place call the Indian Right to Ebenezer Rogers at the North end of his House in to the Old Road & so Road Southward from where the Brook runs out of the Hemlock Swamp

13th To see if the Town will Accept of the Road over the River to John Patterson

14th To see if the Town will allow Mr Jonathan Prescott Constable of this Town for transporting a Woman & Child with the Small Pox through Town & Carting to Boston

15th Ordered To see if the Town will Allow Hooker Osgood Constable for the year 1767 the Rates of James Sparrow Esq. Eph Page they being Rated by the order of the Town —

16th Ordered To see if the Town will Allow to the wid. Mary Sawyer and the Rates of Reuben Hoyt Junr —

17th Ordered To see if the Town will Allow Samuel Hastings for the Jail (being the wid. Kilborne Shewatch) when she was at his House — — — — — — — —

By Order of the Select Men

Levi Willard Town Clk.

Lancaster Feb. 5 1769.

a true Copy

attest Levi Willard Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally warned held on Monday the Sixth day of March A.D. 1769. in the Second Precinct in Lancaster at Nine O'Clock in the fore noon — — — — — — —

Chose Mess.rs Josa Wilder
Samuel Snow
James Wilder Junr
Jacob Phelps
} Fish Drivers

Chose Mess.rs Lyd.a Hezekh.h Gates
Samuel Price
Jon.a Wilder
Hooker Wood
} Fence Viewers

Chose Mess.rs Jabez Torrey & Tyrus Hosmer Sealers of Leather

Chose Mess.rs Asa Whetcomb & Jno.s for Sawyer Deer Reward

Chose Mess.rs Josiah Dunmoor & Josiah Moors Fish Ward

Chose Mess.rs Nathan Bragg
John Wood
Jon.a Wilder
Elisha Sawyer Junr
} Surveying Men

Chose Mess.rs Nath.l Wyllys & Jon.a Wilder Sealers of Boards &c &c

Chose Mess.rs Hezekh.h Gates & Josiah Wilder fire wards

Voted to raise One Hundred & four pounds to be laid out in Schooling the ensuing year

Voted to raise fifty pounds for the support of the Poor and other Necessary Charges that shall arise in said town the ensuing year

Voted to raise two Hundred Pounds to be worked out on the High ways & Bridges, and at the same rate for man & Oxen as for the last year

Voted to discontinue the old Road by Abulen Rices House

Voted to discontinue the Old Road by Levi Moors & accept of it where it is now trod in lieu of the old Road

Voted to omit the 11th Article in the warrant

Voted to omit the 12th Article in the Warrent

Voted to allow Jonathan Bassett Twelve Shillings for transporting a Woman & child to Boston

Voted to adjourn the 15th & 16th Article in the Warrant relative to Hooker Wood & the Widow Mary Sawyer to May Meeting

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the 22d day of May next at the Meeting House in the first Parish in Lancaster at two o'Clock in the afternoon

Test Josiah Wilder Moderator

A true Copy
Test Levi Willard Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

These are in his Majesties name to will and require all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster that have an Estate in Freehold of Land within this Province, or Territory of Forty shillings p Annum at least, or other Estate to the Value of Forty pounds Sterling to Meet at the Meeting House in the first precinct in Lancaster On Monday the Twenty Second Day of May Instant at Ten a Clock in the Fore noon then & there to Elect & Depute One or more persons to be present said Town in a Great & General Court or Assembly Appointed to be convened held & kept for his Majesties Service at the Court House at Boston On Wednesday the Thirty first day of May Instant, & so to do in Diem during their Session or Sessions

Warrant for May meeting in 1769

By Order of the Select Men

Lancaster May 5th 1769

p Levi Willard Town Clerk

By an adjournment of March Meeting to the Twenty Second day of May Instant at two a Clock in the afternoon the Town Voted as follows viz

Adjournment of March meeting in 1769

1st. Voted & Chose James Ball Constable for the South side of the first precinct

2dly Voted & Chose Thomas Gary Junr. Constable of the North side of the Second precinct in said Town

3dly Voted to allow & to other Good James Squreen & Joseph Page Rates for the Year 1769

Voted to pay the Widow Mary Sawyer & Junr. Reuben Holmes Rates for the Year 1769

Voted to accept the Road that Capt. John Palmers from the old Road from the Hill to the Rivertell it comes to the Road formerly laid by Shrewsbury

Voted to reconsider the Vote of the 11th & 12th Article in the Warrent

Voted to discontinue the old Road that Leads from the Revd Mr Wellons to the Meeting House & accept the Road where it is now Trod

Voted that this Meeting be Adjourned to the first Monday of September next at the Meeting House in the Second precinct in Lancaster at two a Clock in the After Noon

David Osgood Moderator

A true Copy Attest Levi Willard Town Clerk

To Daniel Robbins one of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster you are hereby Required to warn James Ball & Thomas Gary Junr. an Freeholders and other Inhabitants of this Town Constables by the Town of Lancaster to appear and take the Oath of Constables & make Return to the Town Clerk of your doings

David Goss moderator

Lancaster May 22. 1769

Worcester ss. May 23d & 24 1769 by Virtue of this Warrent I have warned James Ball & Thomas Gary Junr. to take the Oaths as Constables

Daniel Robbins Constable for the Town of Lancaster

a True Copy Attest Levi Willard Town Clerk

Worcester ss. To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs — Greeting

In his Majesties name you are hereby required to meet at the meeting house in the second Precinct in Lancaster on monday the 29th day of may next at ten of the clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles (viz.)

1st. To Chuse a Moderator for the Government of said Meeting

2d. To Chuse Town officers for the ensuing year it being the Annually Meeting for that Purpose

3d. To grant money to Defray the Charges of said Town for the Year 1770

4th. To see how much money the Town will grant for Schooling

5th. To see if the Town will Accept of a Road that is laid out from the County Road at the Northwesterly Corner of Joseph Jones's land and on land of the Heirs of Jacob Houghton and then on land of John Snow a little west of Samuel Hancocks house till it comes to Groton Line

6th. To See if the Town will grant the Petition of Joseph Whitcomb which is to Shut up the road that goes by his House he putting up good Gates or bars at both End of said road

7th. To See if the Town will Accept of a Road laid out by Tilley Richardsons and discontinue the Old road it begins at the old Town line at the Southerly End of said road and running Northerly by the Westerly Side of said Richardsons Barn till it comes to the old road which is Sixty five Rods Northeasterly the leaving the Old Road in Lieu of the New

8th. To See if the Town will Purchase land of Jotham Cobb Wilder and Abel Willard Esqr. a Road and a Convenient Place to build a Bridge and Chuse a Committee for that Purpose

9th To See if the Town will accept of a way laid out to Thomas Bruggs
Also To See if they will Accept of a Road Laid out to Mr Thomas Bosser Land
Lan ca after February 17th 1770 By Order of the Selectmen

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March Meeting for 1770

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally warned held Monday the 5th Day of March A.D. 1770 in the Second Precinct in Lancaster at ten o Clock in the forenoon

First Chose Capt Hezekiah Gates Moderator for Sd Meeting

2dly chose Mess Aaron Sawyer Peter Green John Prescot Thomas Sawyer and Joseph Thurston Select Men

3dly Chose Daniel Robbins Town Clerk

4thly Chose Peter Green Town Treasurer

5thly Chose Mess William Willard Samuel Beard Peter Rust Ephraim Fairbank to be accepted as Constable in his Room & Boards having laid Mr James Lock and Enoch Goodrich To be their Constables for the Ensuing Year

6thly Chose Mess Daniel Bragg Ebenezer Robbins Thomas Day and Samuel Rice Wardens

7thly Chose Abel Willard Esqr
David Wilder
Joseph Carter
Daniel Bragg Junr
Jonathan Whitcomb Junr
Fredrick Albert
John Lock
Jonathan Bowers
James Richardson
Ephraim Boynton Junr
Ezekiel Wheelock
Thomas Ross Junr
Joseph Sawyer
Jonathan Wilder
} Surveyors of Highways

Chose Mess John Phillips
Jonathan Broadstreet
Ephraim Roper
Abel Wilder
} Field Drivers

Chose Mess Nathaniel Sartwell
Elisha White
John Palmer
Jonathan Osgood
} Fence Viewers

Chose Thos Tiber Brooks and Cyrus Fairbank Sealers of Leather

Chose Thos Asa Whitcomb and Moses Sargt Dear Pounds

Chose Thos Mr William Dunsmore and John Palmer Fish Reeves

Chose Thos John Adcock Junr Hewson Mr Junr Tiber Brooks 2d Ringer Thos

Thos Chose Jonathan Pilsbury and Jonathan Webber Sealers of Boards &c

Chose Thos John Prescott and Joseph Perry Fire Wards

Voted to raise one hundred and four pounds to be laid out in Schooling the ensuing year

Voted to raise Sixty Pounds for the Support of the poor and other necessary charges that shall arise in sd Town the ensuing Year

Voted to adopt the Articles relative to a road laid out by Landers of Joseph Perry and others to next May

On the 6th Article voted to accept the Petition of Joseph Whittemore

On the 7th Article voted that it be continued to next May Meeting

On the 8th Article voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to view and agree upon the most convenient place where to build a Bridge across the River near Abel Pillards Esqr and to agree with the Proprietors and Treasr Caleb Calder for the land as they shall Judge necessary for a high way and to make Report to the town at next May meeting

Voted that the Articles respecting Thomas Rice and Thomas Rugg be Dismissed

And then Adjourned this Meeting to the 25th Day of may next to be held at the Meeting House In the first Precinct in sd Town

Hezekiah Gates Moderator

A true Copy

Attest Daniel Robbins Town Clerk

Lancaster Feb.y 26th 1770

Prudentials of the Town for 1769

Here follows the Accompt of the Prudentials of the Town of Lancaster for the year 1769 the Select men have made a High Way Rate of £133 and have delivered Lists there of to the Several Surveyors of sd Town — we have also assessed the Inhabitants of sd Town with a Province Tax of £269 and delivered Lists there of to the Several Constables of sd Town for sd Year and have Sent a Certificate there of to the Province Treasurer We have also made a Town and County Rate of the Sum of £171 fifteen Shillings and four pence Seventeen pounds fifteen Shilling and four pence part thereof for the County and one Hundred and fifty four pounds the remaining part thereof being for the Town — And have delivered a list thereof to the Constables of sd Town — With warrants to Collect and pay as follows — Viz the Towns part to be paid to Peter Green Town Treasurer by the twenty Sixth of Feb.y Instant — And the County part to be paid to the Hon.ble John Chandler Esqr by the last day of March next. then follows the account of the Town of Lancaster with Peter Green Town Treasurer Peter green Town Treasurer to the Town of Lancaster

Debt to the Ballance that remaind in his hands last year as appears by the accounts adjusted in the Town Book	£199 : 15 : 9 : 0
as you may See — of the Several Constables —	154 : 00 : 0 : 0
Cash recivd of	353 : 15 : 9 : 0

Cr. Credit by Sundry Orders drawn by the Select men on sd Green

To in favour of Aby Willard for Schooling	£ 23 : 19 : -
Do in favour of John Boarman for Schooling	2 : 06 : 6 -
Do in favour of Nathaniel Wyman for Timber	0 : 5 : 9
Do in favour of Joseph Wheelock for keeping Sheep	3 : 7 : 6
Do in favour of Menasseh Dodd	2 : 2 : 7 : 3
Do in favour of Ethan Phillips for Schooling	1 : 19 : 5
Do in favour of Peter green	3 : 1 : 6
Do in favour of Daniel Albert	3 :
Do in favour of Nathaniel Willard for Schooling	6 : 7 : 8
Do in favour of	5 : 8
Do in favour of Jeremiah Haskell	9 : 8 : 5 : 2
Do in favour of Ezra Houghton	1 : 2 : 6 : 8
Do in favour of Abijah Willard	8 : 3 : 10 : 2
Do in favour of Ephraim Wilder	9 : 1
Do in favour of Silas Carter	11 : 3
Do in favour of Gardner Wilder	6 : 17 : 8 : 2
Do in favour of William Tucker	1 : 9 : 8
Do in favour of Cyrus Fairbank	5 : 2
Do in favour of Asa Whitcomb	7 : 6 : 11 : 2
Do in favour of Ephraim Willard	2 : 13 : 4
Do in favour of Timothy Bigelow	
Do in favour of Josiah Wilder	8 : 7 : 0 : 2
Do in favour of Josiah Fairbank	8 : 0
Do in favour of	

To in favour of Aaron Sawyer	£ 2 : 18 - 9
To in favour of Jonathan Osgood	6
To in favour of Thomas Sawyer	7 : 12 :
To in favour of Levi Moors	3 - 14 - 8
To in favour of Thomas Sawyer	2 . 2 . 1
To in favour of Jonathan Wilder	4 : 17 = 10 = 1
To in favour of Joseph Dodson	8 : 6 . 2
To in favour of John Palmer	
To in favour of Nathaniel Wright	12 . 17 - 10
To in favour of Thomas Gates	1 . 7 :
To in favour of Levi Nichols	0 . 3 . 2
	150:6-8:8
	53:10:9:0
Ballance due from Mr Green to the Town of Lancaster	203:10:5:1

Elijah Willard
Thomas Sawyer
Aaron Sawyer
} Select men of Lancaster

A true copy Attest
Mr Daniel Robbins Town Clerk

A Warrant for May Meeting in 1770

To the Constable of the Town of Lancaster Greeting In His Majesties Name You are in His Majesties Name to Will and require all the free Holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster that have an Estate of Nine Pounds of Lands within this Province or Territory of forty Shillings per Annum at least or other Estate to the Value of forty pounds Sterling, to Meet at the Meeting house in the first Precinct in Lancaster on Monday the twenty first Day of May Instant at two a Clock in the afternoon then and there to Elect and Depute one or More Persons to Represent the Town in a Great or General Court or Assembly, Appointed to be convened held and Kept for his Majesties Service at Harvard College in Cambridge on Wednesday the thirtieth day of May Instant and so to do in Relation During their Session or Sessions.

May 31

To Chose a Moderator for the government of the Meeting.

To See if the Town will Vote to give Abel Willard Esqr about Eight Rod of land in Wells before his House and from thence to run Eighteen feet Straight to his Chaise House and to run Eastward from thence Eighteen feet of said depth in Breadth to the South Easterly Corner of his house Lot in Exchange for the same Quantity of Land of the Selectmen lying on the Easterly side of the River where the Rock Bridge is Called and to Chuse a Committee to Make the Exchange as aforesaid and to Ascertain the Bounds there of.

To See if the Town will Vote to grant Money to be Worked out in Repairing Bridges Highways and Town Ways and to Ascertain the Number of Dollars per Day Men and Teams for the Ensuing Year.

To See if the Town will Vote to build a Bridge over the River that Nearly Leads above or Where the Rock Bridge so Called stood and to Chuse a Committee for Ordering the same & for purchasing and Exchanging of Land with those persons that own Land that will be necessary for the accommodation of said Bridge.

Order of the Select men

Lancaster May the 7th 1770

Daniel Robbins Town Clerk

May 2d 1770 At a Meeting of the Town of Lancaster. May Meeting for 1770

Chose Capt Hezekiah Gates Moderator

Voted to exchange Lands relative to Mr Willard and the Town as is set forth in the Warrant for s^d Voting.

Voted and chose Capt Gates Peter Green and John Prescott a Committee to make an exchange, and ascertain the bounds of s^d Lands.

On the 4th Article Voted to build a Bridge over the River where the Neck Bridge is so to stand and to chuse a Committee for that purpose.

Voted to reconsider that part of the above vote relating to a Committee, and voted not to chose a Committee.

On the fourth Article Voted to raise £300 to be worked out in repairing highways, and Bridges, and Town-ways for the ensuing year. Labour for Men Oxen Horses Carts and Utensils as was Last Year.

Hezekiah Gates Moderator

Attest Daniel Robbins Town Clerk

Lancaster May 25th 1770

An Adjournment of March Meeting

Voted to adjourn the Seventh Article of the Warrant to the first Monday of next March.

Voted to dismiss the fifth Article of the Warrant.

This Meeting is Adjourned to the first Monday in March next at 12 o Clock.

Hezekiah Gates Moderator

Attest Daniel Robbins Town Clerk

~~At a meeting of the free holders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster &c~~

Worcester ss. To the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally Qualified to vote in Town affairs Greeting

Warrant for March meeting 1771

In his majesties name you are hereby Required to meet at the meeting House in the first Precinct in Lancaster on monday the fourth day of march next at Ten of the Clock in the fore noon then and there to act on the following Articles vizt

1st To chuse a moderator for the government of said meeting

2d To chuse Town Officers for the Ens^g Year for the ensuing year

it being your Annual meeting for that Purpose

3dly To grant money for defraying the Town Charges for ye year 1771

4thly To See how much money the Town will grant for Schooling

5thly To See how much money the Town will grant to be worked out in Repairing Highways & building & Repairing Bridges for the Present year & to appoint ye rates of Labour for men oxen & Utensils

6thly To See what measures the Town will come into about keeping the Grammer School for the year Ensueing

7thly To See if the Town will Accept of the several Destricts as they are now set out in order for every Destrict to shoot out their own money

8thly To See if the Town will Accept the Petition of Cyrus Fairbank & others vizt to See if the Town will vote to pay the Constables for the future for Collecting the Town County & Province Taxes or chuse Collectors for the same & pay them accordingly

9thly To See if the Town will build a work house & grant money for the Same & Chuse a Committee to See it done

10thly To See if the Town will Accept of a road now Laid out from Reuben Rugg^s to Jeremiah Burpee^s & Discontinue the Old road

11thly To See if the Town will Accept of a road Laid out from James Balls to Zebulun Rice^s

12thly To See if the Town will Accept of a road Laid out from Peter Larkins to Jotham Wilders

13thly To See if the Town will Allow the Rates of Highways Fronting on Samuel Smiths & Phinehas Hastens & Levi Moor Constables

14thly To See if the Town will Accept of ye request of Mr Samuel Burpee vizt to have 12 Rods of the road discontinued where it was formerly Laid out it being a Road from Josiah Haughtons & Samuel Farnums & Accepted 25 Rods wide it is now Laid all on his own Land for the Sake of a Well

By order of the Select men

Daniel Robins Town Clerk

Munster February 15th 1771

Lancaster March 4th 1771 I have warned the Free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally Qualified & Usted in Town affairs to meet at Time & place as mentioned in the warrant by posting up warrants at each meeting House in said Town fourteen days before the date

Daniel Robins Town Clerk

At a meeting of the free holders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster Legally warned & held on the 4th 1771 at the first Precinct in Lancaster at 10 Clock in the forenoon

1st Chose Mr Peter Greene moderator for the meeting

2d Chose Messrs Peter Green John Prescott Joseph Kilborne & Aaron Sawyer Select men, Mr Greene & Mr Prescott refused to serve, then voted & chose Col. Abijah Willard Deacon Daird Wilder & Mr Josiah Bacheld Selectmen

Proceedings of March Meeting for 1771

3d Chose Samuel Ward Town Clerk

4th Chose Peter Green Town Treasurer

5th Chose Messrs Cyrus Fairbanks Jon Cyrus Peter Fairbanks & William Willard Constables for ye Ensuing year

6 Chose Messrs Elijah Houghton, John Parmer, Jonathan Kendall & Ephraim Carter Jun. Wardens

7th Chose Messrs Joseph White, John Phelps, Joshua Fletcher, Russell Knight, Simon Willard, William Tucker } Surveyors of Highways

John Locke, Moses Burpee, Moses Bailey, John Parmer, Ephraim Sawyer, Solomon Jewett, Joseph Goss, Jon Wilder & Thos Gates } Surveyors of Highways

Moses Smith, Nathaniel Brown } Viewers

Nathan Burpee, Abijah Houghton } Drivers

Abijah Willard, Jacob, Jonathan Green Deceased

Jonathan Wilder, Capt Asa, Whitcomb Do Do

Samuel Wilder & Jonathan Wilder, Cullers of Staves

Proceedings of March meeting 1771

Cyprus Fairbanks & Saber. Brooks, Sealers of Leather
Moses Sawyer & Samuel Rice, Sear Reeves
Doct. Wm Dunsmoor & Asael Phelps, Both Reeves
Nathaniel Willard, Sirveyor Wright } Surveyors
John Brooks Jun., Josiah Wood }
Jonathan Whitney, Jonathan Wilder, Sealers of Boots & Shoes & Leather
Ebenezer Allen & John May Junr Fire Wards
Voted & Raise One hundred pound to be Laid out in Schooling
Voted & Raise Seventy pound for the Support of the poor & other
Necessary Charges
Voted & Raise two hundred pound to be worked out at the High
ways bridges &c as heretofore
Voted that the Grammer School Shall be Kept one half of
the year in the old Parish & the other half in the new Parish
On the 17th Article voted that they Accept of the Several Deff
erits as they are now Sett out in order for every Deffarint
to School out their own money
Voted to pay the Several Constables or Collectors of Taxes for
the Town County & Province for Collecting the same
Voted to give the S. Constables or Collectors of the said Taxes
One half pr Ct for Collecting the same
Voted they would not build a work House
on the 19th article to see if the town will Accept of a road
Laid out from Reuben Ruggs to Jeremiah Barnes Voted
to Continue it to may meeting next
On the 11th Article voted they will Accept of the Road as Laid
out by James Ball to Ebenezer Rice's agreeable to a return of the
Survey made out by Aaron Sawyer Mr. Prescott & Levi Moor on
Record Reference thereunto being had
on the 12th Article, Voted that they will Accept of the Road Laid
out from Peter Lurkins to Jotham Wilders as it was Laid
out by the S. Prescott Sawyer & moor
Voted to Allow to Levi Moor Constable the Rates of Stephen
Prentice & Samuel Fuller as Set down in his List, & that they
would not Allow Thaddeus Hastings Rates as prayed for

Voted that the Moderate belonging to the Request of Samuel Burpee be continued to may meeting and then adjourned this meeting to the third Tuesday in may next to be held in at the meeting House in the second Precinct at 9 Clock this voted reconsidered so far as to Sett the time at 2 Clock on the same day ——— p Peter Green Moderator

a true Coppy Attest p Wm Ward Town Clerk

This is to Certify that we the under Subscribers have Preambulated the Lines between Lancaster and Bolton this 22d day of January 1771 ———

John Prescott
David Wilder
Ephraim Fairbanks
Nathaniel Longley
Jonas Houghton

} By order of the Select men of Lancaster

} Select men of Bolton

Preambulation of the Lines between Bolton & Lancaster

a true Coppy Attest

p Wm Ward Town Clerk

Lancaster March 1st 1771

Here follows the Account of the Prudentials of the Town of Lancaster for the year 1770 The Select men have made a Highway Rate of £300 — and have delivered Lists to the Several Surveyors of said Town, we have also assessed the Inhabitants of said Town with a Province Tax of £215.12.0 and delivered a List thereof to the Several Constables of said Town for s.d Year, and sent a Certificate thereof to the Province Treasurer we have also made a Town and County Rate of the Sum of £192.8.6 3/4 Sterling Eight pounds eight shillings Sixpence two Farthings part thereof for the County and One Hundred & Eighty pound the Remaining part thereof being for the Town and have delivered Lists thereof to the Constables of said Town with warrants to Collect and pay as follows (viz) the Town's part to be paid to Peter Green Town Treasurer by the Twentieth day of February Last, and the County's part to be paid to the Hon.ble John Chandler Esq.r by the Last day of March Instant — Here follows the Account of the Town of Lancaster with Peter Green Town Treasurer.

Peter Green Town Treas.r To the Town of Lancaster Dr.

To the balance that he mistook in his last Account last year
To Cash rec.d by the Collector as appears by the Collectors Book

} 203.10.8 3/4

Prudentials of the Town of Lancaster for the year 1770

Brot. over Peter Green . . . . £ 203 . 10 . 5¼
To Cash Recd. of the Several Constables . 164 . 0 . 0
£ 367 . 10 . 5¼

Supra . . . . . Cr.

By an order Drawn by the Select men
in favor of Sal.ª Bijah Willard for Schooling £23 . 19 . 0
Dº in favor of Col. Willard for matreing Rates 1 . 1 . 6
Dº in favr of Abijah Wyman for Keeping Hannah Harris . . . . 4 . 2 . 0
Dº in favr of Thomas Hackett for Sawpits for Jas. Fisher Wyman . . 1 . 9 . 3
Dº in favr of James Goodwin for the pinguage of Woodbury 1 . 8 . 5
Dº in favr of Ethan Phillipps for Schooling . . 1 . 19 . 5
Dº in favr of John Warner for Dº . . 2 . 5 . 6
Dº in favr of Jon.ª Whitney for Baby Hovil and Gaffer . 14 . 6
Dº in favr of Ithiel Prescott for schooling 2 orders. 2 . 15 . 7½
Dº in favr of Ezra Fairbank for Plank & Stones . . 17 . 10
Dº in favr of Josiah Wilder for Schooling . . 5 . 16 . 0½
Dº in favr of Ephraim Wilder for Dº . 8 . 5 . 10½
Dº in favr of Gardner Wilder for 250 ft of Plank 13 . 4
Dº in favr of Silas Carter for a pr. Stockings and making 4 Shirts . . . . . 6 . 0
Dº in favr of Levi Moor for Joseph Osgood and John Houghtons Rates . . . . 14 . 6
Dº in favr of Jonas Fairbank for 2 String Beans 18 . 0
Dº in favr of Nath.l Sawyer for Plank . . . 9 . 7
Dº in favr of Dan.l Gilbert for keeping a poor Child 2 . 8 . 0
Dº in favr of Dan.l Robins for Posting Mr Heady 3 . 4
Dº in favr of Wid.ª Sawyer for Schooling . . 16 . 4 . 0
Dº in favr of Baron Sawyer for Sawing the Goods & making Rates & for Plank & Timber 2 . 18 . 0
Dº in favr of Phin.ª Sawyer for Sawing the Rails making Rates & Supporting the poor . . 18 . 2
Dº in favr of Jon.ª Prescott Jr. for Transporting two Persons from Lancaster to Boston . . 12 . 0
Dº in favr of Ezra Houghton for Watching & keeping a Sheep 3 Weeks . . 1 . 11 . 4
Dº in favr of John Palmer for Schooling . 3 . 10 . 0
Dº in favr of Jon.ª Prescott for Dº . . 3 . 4 . 0
Dº in favr of Jon.ª Wilder for Dº . . 5 . 16 . 10½
Dº in favr of Israel Moor for Timber for Bridges 9 . 4
Dº in favr of Ezra Houghton for making Rates . £ 1 . 6 . 2 = 100 . 0 . 1¾

Prudentials for 1770

The Dr.t of Peter Green bro.t from the other Side — — 367 10 5¾

The Cr. Brot up . . . . . — — — 100 0 1¾

By an Ordinance fav.r of Sam.l Hayward for 250 feet plank . . . 1 6 0

Do. in fav.r of John Osgood for Schooling 9 17 10

Do. in fav.r of Peter Green for Taking the Invoice making Rates and Necessary's for the Poor 2 16 2

Do. in fav.r of Nath.l Willard for Schooling 5 7 3

Do. in fav.r of Capt. Gard.r Wilder for 1000 feet Plank 3 6 8

122 14 0¾

Ballance due from D.r Green to the Town of Lancaster 244 16 4½

a True Copy
Attest Sam.l Ward Town Clerk

Aaron Sawyer
Thomas Sawyer
Joseph Wilborne
John Prescott
} Select men of Lancaster

April 8th 1777 The Select men of Lancaster, appointed Thomas Gates, Sealer of Weights & Measures for said Town — Attest Sam.l Ward Town Clerk

Worcester ss These are in his Majesties name to will and Require all the Free Holders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster that have an Estate of Free hold of Lands within this Province or Territory to the Value of Forty Shillings p.r Annum at Least, or Other Estate to the Value of Forty pound Sterling to meet at the meeting House in the 2.d Precinct in s.d Lancaster on Tuesday the 29.th day of may Inst. at 2 Clocks in the afternoon then and there to Elect and depute One or more persons to Represent said Town in a great and General Court or Assembly Appointed to be held and Kept for his Majesty's Service at Harvard College in Cambridge on Wednesday the 28.th day of may Inst. and so to do &c. in them Diverse their Session or Sessions — (Warrant for may 1777)

1.st To Chuse a moderator for the Government of s.d meeting

2.d To See if the Town will allow to Mr. Isaac Osgood Constable for 1767 the Rates of Moses Redman & Moses Dickerson they being out of Town —

3.d To See if the Town will allow the Account of Doctor Eleazer Everly for Doctoring the widow Farmer

5th Art. To see if the Town will Chuse a Committee to Preambleate the Line between Lanster & Shrewsbury and Settle the same

6th Art. To see if the Town will build a Bridge in Lieu of the Neck bridge

7th Art. To see if the Town will Chuse a Committee to Purchase Land Convenient for the Same and Prefix the Place where it Shall Stand and Lay out a Road to the Same

8th Art. To see if the Town will Grant money for the building said Bridge, and Chuse a Committee for the Same

Lancaster May 4th 1771 By Order of the Select men

Sam Ward Town Clerk

Worcester ss May 21. 1771 Att a meeting of the Free Holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally Warned and held this Day.

1st Chose Capt. Asa Whitcomb Representative

2d Chose Mr. Peter Green moderator

3d Voted to allow Hooker Bigood the Rates of moses Redman and moses Dutherson

Proceedings of may meeting for 1771 — 4th Voted, That they would not allow the Account of Doctr Cleverly for Doctering the widow Farmer

5th Chose Col. Abijah Willard Aaron Sawyer & Jonathan Fairbank a Committee to Preambleate the Line between Lancaster & Shrewsbury and Settle the same

6th Voted that they would not build a Bridge in Lieu of the Neck Bridge — P. Peter Greene Moderator

a true Copy Sam Ward Town Clerk

1771 May 21st at an Adjournment of Last march meeting

Voted to Adjourn till 4 o Clock this day

Adjournment A march meeting

Voted to Accept of the Road Laid out from Reuben Rugg's to Jeremiah Burpee's, and Voted to Discontinue the old Road

Voted that the Road from James Ball's to Zebulun Rice's be 2 Rods Wide

On the 14th article Relative to the Request of Samuel Burpee Voted to Dismiss it. Voted to Dismiss Nath. Wyman Field Driver & Voted & Chose Hooker Bigood in his stead

P. Peter Green moderator

Attest Sam Ward Town Clerk

Worcester ss May 31st 1774

Then Thomas Gates of Lancaster being duly Chosen Sealer of weights and measures &c for the Town of Lancaster for the year A.D 1774, came before me one of his majesties Justices of the Peace for the County of Worcester, and took the oath by Law Required Respecting the Sealing & Pecfsing the Bills of Credit of the Neighbouring Governments within this Province, and also at the same time made Oath that he would well & faithfully discharge his duty in all things whereunto his office of Sealer of weights & measures as aforesaid hath relation

Thom.s Gates Sealer

A True Copy Test Sam.l Ward Town Clerk Abel Willard

Worcester ss To the Free Holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally Qualified to Vote in Town affairs—greeting

In his Majestys name you are hereby Required to meet at the Meeting House in the Second Parish in said Lancaster on Tuesday the 24th of this Instant September at 2d Clock in the afternoon then & there to Act on the following articles, viz

Warrant for a meeting in Sept.r 1774

1st To Chuse a Moderator for the Government of said Meeting

2d To See if the Town will Grant money for the buildding of a Bridge over the River in Leiu of the Neck Bridge, and also for building a Bridge across the River above Col.o Wilders mill Dam where the County Road was Lately Laid out

Respecting the Bridges

3d To See if the Town will grant money to pay for the Land the new County Road runs on it being Appraised at Eleven pounds

4th To See if the Town will Chuse a Committee to See to the Building of the said Two Bridges — By Order of the Select men

Lancast.r September 9th 1774 Wm Ward Town Clerk

Lancast.r September 24. 1774 I have warned the Free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster to meet at time & Place as mentioned in the above warrant by Posting up a Warrant at each of the meeting Houses in s.d Town 14 days before this date Sam.l Ward Town Clerk

5th To see if the Town will Chuse a Committee to Preambleate the Line between Lancaster & Shrewsbury and Settle the same

6th To see if the Town will build a Bridge in Lieu of the Neck bridge

7th To See if the Town will Chuse a Committee to Purchase Land Convenient for the same and Prefix the Place where it shall Stand and Lay out a Road to the same

8th To See if the Town will Grant money for the building said Bridge, and Chuse a Committee for the Same

Lancaster May 6th 1771 By Order of the Select men

Sam Ward Town Clerk

Worcester ss May 21. 1771 Att a meeting of the Free Holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally Warned and held this day.

1st Chose Capt. Asa Whitcomb Representative

2d Chose Mr. Peter Green moderator

3d Voted to allow Mr. Hooker Osgood the Rattes of moses Redman and moses Dickerson

Proceedings of May meeting for 1771 — 4th Voted, That they would not allow the Account of Doctor Cleverly for Doctoring the widow Farmer

5th Chose Col. Abijah Willard Aaron Sawyer & Jonathan Fairbank a Committee to Preambleate the Line between Lancaster & Shrewsbury and settle the same

6th Voted that they would not build a Bridge in Lieu of the Neck Bridge —— P. Peter Greene Moderator

a true Copy Sam Ward Town Clerk

1771 May 21st at an adjournment of Last march meeting

Voted to Adjourn till 4 o Clock this day

Adjournment of March meeting

Voted to accept of the Road Laid out from Reuben Ruggs to Jeremiah Burpees, and Voted to Discontinue the Old Road

Voted that the Road from James Balls to Rebulen Rices be 2 Rods Wide

On the 14th article Relative to the Request of Samuel Burpee voted to Dismiss it, Voted to Dismiss what Wyman said

Driver Voted Chose Hooker Osgood in his Stead

P. Peter Green moderator

attest Sam Ward Town Clerk

Worcester ss May 31st 1774

Then Thomas Gates of Lancaster being duly Chosen Sealer of weights and measures &c for the Town of Lancaster for the year AD 1774, came before me one of his majesties Justices of the Peace for the County of Worcester, and took the oath by law Required Respecting the taking & Passing the Bills of Credit of the Neighbouring Governments within this Province, and also at the same time made Oath that he would well & faithfully Discharge his duety in all things whereunto his office of Sealer of weights & measures as aforesaid hath relation

Thom.s Gates Sealer

A True Copy Test Sam.l Ward Town Clerk — Abel Willard

Worcester ss To the Free Holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally Qualified to Vote in Town affairs Greeting

In his Majestys name you are hereby Required to meet at the Meeting House in the Second Parish in said Lancaster on Tuesday the 27th of this Instt September at 2d Clock in the afternoon then & there to Act on the following Articles Viz

Warrant for a meeting in Sept.r 1774

1st To Chuse a Moderator for the Government of said Meeting

2d To See if the Town will Grant money for the building of a Bridge over the River in Lieu of the Neck Bridge, and also for building a Bridge across the River above Col.o Wilders mill Dam where the County Road was Lately Laid out

Respecting the Bridges

3d To See if the Town will grant money to pay for the Land the new County Road runs on it being Appraised at Eleven pounds

4th To See if the Town will Chuse a Committee to See to the Building of the said two Bridges By Order of the Select men

Lancast.r September 9th 1774 Sam.l Ward Town Clerk

Lancast.r September 24. 1774 I have warned the Free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster to meet at time & Place as mentioned in the above warrant by Posting up a Warrant at each of the meeting Houses in s.d Town 14 days before this date Sam.l Ward Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Free Holders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally Warned and held on Tuesday the 24th day of September 1771 at the second Precinct in said Town at 2 Clock in the in the afternoon

1st Voted & Chose Mr Jonathan Fairbanks moderator of said meeting

2d Voted that they would Raise money to build a bridge in lieu of the Neck Bridge

3d Voted that they would not raise money to build a Bridge a cross the River above Coll Wilders mill dam where the County road was Lately Laid out

4th Voted to Raise Five pound to pay for the Land each side of the Neck Bridge

5th Voted that they would Raise the Sum of Twenty five pounds to Build a Bridge in Lieu of the Neck Bridge

6th Voted, to Chuse a Committee of three men to See to the Building of the s.d Neck Bridge

Proceedings of the Meeting in Sept. 1771 — Voted that Mr Jonah Ballard Deacon Joseph White and Mr Jonathan Whitney be a Committee to See to the Building of the said Neck Bridge

Voted to Adjourn this meeting to monday the Twenty first day of October next at 2 Clock in the afternoon to meet at the meeting House in the first Parish in Lancaster

Jonathan Fairbanks Moderator

A true Copy Attest Sam Ward Town Clerk

By An adjournment of the town meeting on the 24th of September 1771 to monday the 21st day of October 1771 at 2 Clock in the afternoon the Town being met agreable thereto Voted as follows viz

1st Voted to Adjourn this meeting to 3 of the Clock the same day

2d Voted that they would not raise Six pound to pay for the Land Mrs the Heirs of Andrew Wilder where the County road was Lately laid out near Coll Joseph Wilders House

attest Sam Ward Town Clerk — Jonathan Fairbanks moderator

Worcester ss To the Free Holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs . . — — — — — — Greeting —

(seal)

In his Majesties name you are hereby Required to meet at the Meeting House in the first Precinct in Lancaster on Monday the 21st day of October next at 2 o Clock in the afternoon then and there to Act on the following Articles vizt —

Warrant for a meeting in Octr 1771 Respecting the new County Bridges

1st To Chuse a Moderator for the Government of s^d meeting —

2d To See if the Town will Build a Bridge over the River above Col^o Wilders mill Dam, where the County road was Lately Laid out

3d To See if the Town will grant money for the Building the s^d Bridge or agree upon any other measures as they shall think fit for Defraying the Charges of the same —

4th To See if the Town will Chuse a Committee to See to the Building of the s^d Bridge — By Order of the Select men —

Lancaster Sepr 28th 1771 — Saml Ward Town Clerk —

Worcester ss To the Free Holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs . — Greeting —

In his Majesties name you are hereby Required to meet at the Meeting House in the first Parish in Lancaster on Monday the Twenty first day of October next at 3 o Clock in the afternoon then and there to Act on the following Articles —

Warrant for a meeting 21st day Octr 1771 Respecting the Bridge — —

1st To Chuse a Moderator for the Government of s^d Meeting —

2d To See if the Town will grant money to be Laid out in Repairing the Highways & Bridges for ye Year 1772 and that the Highways Surveyors be Collectors for the above money so granted or to act or transact anything relateing thereto — —

3d To See if the Town will grant five pound to pay for the Land where the County Road is Laid thro' David Brigood Esqr Dec^d Land

4th To See if the Town will Chuse a Committee to make Application to the Justices of General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Worcester, that the road over Col^o Joseph Wilders mill Pond and thro' the Land of the Heirs of Andrew Wilder be Discontinued as a County road or to alter it to a more Convenient Place —

Lancaster October 5th 1771. By Order of the Select men

Attest Saml Ward Town Clerk Eighty Four Pounds Lawful Money

At a Meeting a meeting of the Free Holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally warned and held on monday the 21st day of October 1771 at 2 Clock at the meeting House in the first Parish in S.d Town — voted as follows viz —

1st) Voted & Chose Mr Jonathan Fairbanks moderator —

2d) Voted to adjourn this meeting to next monday the 28th Inst. to meet at the meeting House in the second Parish in S.d Town at 2 Clock in the afternoon ont.s day —

A true Copy Sam.a Ward Town Clerk Jon.a Fairbank Moderator

At a meeting of the Free Holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally warned and held on monday the 21st day of October 1771 at the meeting House in the first Parish in S.d Town at 3 Clock in the afternoon, voted as follows

1st) Voted and Chose Mr Jonathan Fairbank moderator

2dly Voted to Raise fourhundred pound to be laid out in Repairing High ways Bridges for y.e year 1772 —

3dly Voted to adjourn this meeting to monday the 28th Inst.t to meet at the meeting House in the Second Parish in Lancaster at 2 of the Clock in the afternoon — Jonathan Fairbanks moderator

A true Copy Sam.l Ward Town Clerk

Adjournment of the meeting in Oct.r 1771

By an adjournment of the Town meeting on the 21st day of October 1771 to monday the 28th of the same October at 2 Clock in the afternoon at the meeting House in the second Parish in Lancaster, the Town being met agreeable thereto, voted as follows viz Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in march next to meet at 3 of the Clock in the afternoon at the meeting House in the Second Precint in S.d Town —

Lancaster October 28th 1771 Jon.a Fairbanks Moderator

A true Copy Sam Ward Town Clerk —

By an Adjournment of the Town meeting held on monday the 21st of October 1771 To Monday the 28th of the same Octo. to meet at the Meeting House in the second Precinct in Lancaster at 2 o Clock in the afternoon and the Town being met Accordingly Voted as follows (viz)

1st.] Voted to dismis the article Relateing to raising five pound for to Pay for Land where the County road runs thro: David Osgood Esq. Dec. Land

2d.] Voted to Chuse a Committee to apply to the Justices of the Generall Sessions of the Peace for the County of Worcester in order to have the Road which was Lately Laid out thro: the Land of the Heirs of Andrew Wilder an so over Col. Joseph Wilders Mill pond Discontinued, Or altered to a more Convenient Place

Proceedings of the adjournt. in Octo. 1771

3d.] Voted to Chuse 3 men as a Committee for the same and Chose Capt. Hezekiah Gates Mr. Ezra Houghton } Committee Mr. John Prescott }

Lancaster October 28. 1771 Jon.a Fairbank mod.r

Attest Joppy J. Sam.l Ward Town Clerk

Worcester ss To the Free Holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally Qualified to vote in Town affairs. Greeting

(Read)

In his majesty's name you are hereby required to meet at the meeting House in the first Parish in said Town on Wednesday the first day of January next at Ten of the Clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following Articles, viz.

1st.] To Chuse a moderator for the government of said meeting

2d.] To see if the Town will vote to build a Bridge over the River by Col. Wilders mill where the County road is Laid out & agree upon some method for the Building of s.d Bridge and Defraying the Charges thereof & Chuse a Committee to act in the Building the same

3dly To See if the Town will will chuse a Committee to Examine the Accounts of the Committee appointed for the building the North bridge (so called)

4thly To See if the Town will grant money to pay the afore said Committe for building the afore s.d Bridge

5thly To see if the Town will agree upon some method to settle with Abel Willard Esq.r on Account of the Damnages he Sustains by reason of the County road being Laid through his Land

6thly To See if the Town will grant the Petition of Deacon Oliver Moor and others, which is to see if the Town will build the Bridge over the mill pond above Esq.r Wilders mills with part of the money already granted to be worked out at Highways and Bridges, all but the Timber & Plank

7thly To See if the Town will vote that the Second Precinct may have their Proportion of the money Laid out upon their own High ways and Bridges

8thly To See if the Town will grant money to pay the Comittee Lately appointed to Apply to the Quarter Sessions to have the County Road altered by Col.o Wilders mills

9th To See if the Town will grant Six pound to pay the Heirs of Andrew Wilder for their Land where the County road was Laid out

10th To See if the Town will make any allowance to m.r Samuel Rice for Raising the north Bridge (so called)

11th To See if the Town will chuse a Committee to wait on the Courts Committee that are appointed to veiw the road by Capt. Whites Bridge & Capt. Aaron Willards Bridge

Lancaster Decem.r 17.th 1771

By order of the Select men
William Ward Town Clerk

January 1.st 1772. I have warned the Free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster to meet at time & place and for the Purposes as mentioned in the within warrant by posting up warrants at each of the meeting Houses in said Town fourteen days before this day

Attest William Ward Town Clerk

Att a meeting of the free Holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally warned and held on wednesday the first day of January 1772 at the meeting House in the first Parish in said Town at 10 o'Clock in the forenoon. voted as follows, viz:

1st Chose Capt. Hezekiah Gates moderator

2dly Voted to Continue the Second Article Relative to the building a Bridge a Cross the River by Capt. Wilders mills to next march meeting

3d The Question being put to see if the Town would chuse a Committee to Examine the accounts of the Committee appointed to build the Neck bridge it Passed in the Negative

4thly Voted to Raise money to pay the Committee that were appointed to build the Neck Bridge (so called)

5thly Voted to Raise the Sum of Eighteen pound thirteen shillings to pay the aforesd Committee which with the Twenty five pound granted heretofore makes up the whole Sum of the said Committees Account for building the said Bridge

6thly Voted to Chuse a Committee to settle with Abel Willard Esqr. on account of the Damages he Sustaines by reason of having the County road Laid through his Land

Voted & Chose Mr. Aaron Sawyer, Mr. Josiah Bullard and Deacon Joseph Kilborne as a Committee for the Same

Voted to Continue the Sixth Article Relative to the building the Bridge by Esqr. Wilders mills to next march meeting

Voted to Dismis the 7th article in the warrant

Voted to Accept of the Accounts of the Committee that were appointed & to apply to the Sessions to have the County road altered

Voted to Raise the Sum of five pound 19/5d to pay the aforesd Committee

Voted to Continue the 9th Article in the warrant Relative to raising money to pay for Land that the Heirs of Andrew Wilder to next march meeting — the Question being put to see if the Town would make Lamed their any Allowance for Raising the Neck Bridge (so called) and it Passed in the negative

Voted to Chuse a Committee to wait upon the Court Committee that are appointed to View the road by Capt. White, Bridget Capt. A. Willard to Dge

Voted and Chose Mr. Nath. Sawyer, Abel Willard Esqr. & Deac. David Wilder as a Committee for the Same (turn over)

Voted to Adjourn this meeting to the first monday in march next at the Second Precinct in Said Town at one oClock in the afternoon — Hezekiah Gates moderator

Lancaster January 1. 1772 a true Copy — —

Test Sam Ward Town Clerk

1st Warrant for March Meeting 1772

Worcester ss to the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster Legually qualified to Vote in town affairs — Greeting — — —

In his Majesties name you are hereby required to meet at the Meeting house in the Second Precinct in Lancaster on the first Monday in March next at nine of the clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following Articles. — — —

1st To chose a Moderator for the government of Said Meeting — —

2d To chose Town officers for the Year insuing as the Law directs

3d To See what method the Town will come into relative to the grammer School and for providing houses for the Same. — —

4th To See if the Town will raise money for Schooling and proportion the Same as the Town Shall think fit. —

5th To See if the Town will raise money to defray Town charges for the Year insuing — —

6th To See if the Town will raise money to build School houses. —

7th To See if the Town will chose the highway Surveyors Collectors and to See what the Town will allow a day for man and Team. —

8th To See if the Town will Suffer Mr Abel Willard and Jonathan Whitney to Straiten the Rhode before their houses upon their own cost. —

9th To See if the Town will act upon the Petition of Nathaniel Wright and others relative to laying out a Rhode from Moses Bailey's to John Skeggs. —

10th To See if the Town will accept of a bridle Rhode out from Deac. Israel Houghtons to the new County Rhode at Col: Wilders Mills. —

11th To See if the Town will grant the request of Ephraim Carter and others to divide the School Squadron at the meeting house in the old parish — —

12th To See if the Town will grant the Request of Cyrus Fairbanks and others to lay out a Rhode from the Rhode that leads to Capt Ephraim Wilders to the Rhode that comes down by Moses Wilders. —

13th To See if the Town will grant the request of Joseph Gery and others to Make an Amendment concerning the Rhode from Ephraim Rogers to the County Rhode that Leads to Joseph Gories. —

14th To See if the Town will grant the request of Jonathan Wilder and others Viz: — To See if the Town will Vote that what Sum or Sums of money shall be granted or rais'd upon the Inhabitants of s^d Town for making or repairing the highways and Bridges in Lancaster that the proportionable part that the first and second Precincts in Lancaster, and that part of Lancaster that is set off to Shrewsbury Second Precinct shall pay to such Specyments, to be laid out and expended in making and repairing of the Highways and Bridges within each of their abovesd Respective Precincts. or act or transact any thing relative thereunto. — —

15th To See if the Town will grant the request of Thomas Fairbanks Gotten Viz: To See if the Town will Sell the Land below where the old Neck Bridge Stood and down the River as far as Jonathan Whitneys Land and Eastward and Westward to the highway and to chose a Committee to Sell the Same at a Vendue and to give a Deed and take Security for the Town Viz: upon Interest — —

16th To See if the Town shall order a part of the money said Land shall be Sold for to Mr Abel Willard to pay him their part of his Demands for the way to the Bridge besides what the Town has granted him already — —

17th To See if the Town will Buy Some Land of Mr William Prentice and of Mr John Phelps if need be for a way where the River washt the old Rhode away and to pay for it out of the money the above s^d Land Shall be Sold for. — —

18th To See if the Town will Vote the way below the old neck Bridge as far down as the town Shall think proper to be a Bridle Rhode with good Gates for passing — — —

Lancaster Feb^ry 13th 1772 By order of the Select Men —

Cyrus Fairbank Constable

Lancaster March ye 2^d 1772 the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the s^d Town of Lancaster have been Legally Warned to Meet at time and Place as mentioned in the within Warrant by posting up Warrants at each of the Meeting Houses in s^d Town — fourteen days before this day —

Cyrus Fairbank Constable

At a meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally warned and held on Monday the Second day of March 1772 at 9 of the clock in the forenoon — Proceedings of March meeting

1st Voted and chose Mr Peter Green Moderator. — —

2d Chose Messrs Thomas Sawyer Ephraim Sawyer Aaron Sawyer Ebenezer Allen and Doct^r William Bowmore Selectmen. —

3d Chose Daniel Robbins Town Clerk. —

4th Chose Mr Peter Green Treasurer. — —

5th Chose Messrs Levi Moor Daniel Rugg 2^d Josiah Eating Josiah Fairbanks Constables for the Ensuing Year. — Turn over —

Accepted Cyrus Fairbanks in the room of Levi Woods William Willard Junr in the room of Daniel Rugg Junr Jaber Fairbanks in the room of Josiah Cutting

Procedings of March Meeting 1772

Chose Esqr White
Col: Joseph Wilder
Zepheniah Williams
Joshua Fairbanks
Asa Hasen
Matt: Willard
Joshua Wilder
Shubael Bailey
Sam: Gerish
Sam: Sawyer Junr
Goree Fairbanks
Jona: Bailey Junr
Benjamin Houghton
Jonathan Wilder
Josiah Sawyer
Joseph Fairbanks
} Surveyors of High ways

Samuell Wilder Jonas Fairbank Junr Nathaniel Beman } Field Drivers
Jonathan Whetcomb Roger Ross
Jonathan Wilder Ebenezer Buss } Fence Viewers
Jonathan Whitney Hooker Osgood
Jonathan Wilder Samuell Wilder - Cullers of Staves
Cyrus Fairbanks Jaber Brooks -- Sealers of Leather
Moss Sawyer Samuel Price Dear Reeves William Dunsmore Ezael Phelps -- Fish Reeves.
Jaber Fairbanks John Palmer } Wardens
Nathan Rugg Amos Knight
Jeremiah Haskills James Wilder Junr John Brooks Jonathan Wilder. Fything men — Jonathan Wilder & Jonathan Whitney Sealers of boards and Shingles — Ebenezer Allin and John may Jr Fire Wards ---

Voted to raise one hundred and four pounds p/r for schooling.
Voted to raise one hundred pounds for Town Charges.
Voted that the Selectmen Shall provide Lovers to keep the Gramer School in the present year.
Voted to keep the gramer School Six months in each Precinct.
Voted that the Selectmen Shall Say where the Gramer School Shall be kept for the Year ensuing. and that the rest of the money Shall be School out as Usual.
The Sixth article relative to building School houses past in the Negative
Voted to pass over the former part of the Seventh Article viz.
In regard of chusing highway Surveyors Collectors.
Voted three Shillings p/r Day for May June & July. two Shillings and Sixpence for April August and Septembers and two Shillings p/r Day for the rest of the Year — and p/r a Team as Usual
Voted that Abel Willard Esqr and Jonathan Whitney may Straitan the Rhode between their houses provided they make it as good upon their own cost as usual for the publick Service.
Voted to dismis the ninth Article of the Warrant.
Voted to accept of a Bridle Rhode from Deacon Israel Houghtons to the Court Rhode by Col: Wilders Mills

Voted to dismiss the Tweleth Artele . . —

Voted to dismiss the Thirteenth Artile. —

Voted to grant the request of Mr. Jonathan Wilder & others viz: that the Proportionable part that the first and second Precinct in Lancaster and that part of Lancaster set of to Shrewsbury second precinct shall pay to the disbursments made in s^d Town for highways and Bridges (or for repairing of the same) shall be Expended in making and repairing of highways and bridges within each of their respective Precincts — — — —

Proceedings of March Meeting 1772

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the Eighteenth day of May next at one of the clock in the afternoon to the Meetinghouse in the first Precinct in Lancaster. — Peter Green Moderator

Lancaster March 2^d Second 1772 a true Copy Test Daniel Robbins Town Clerk

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By an adjournment of the Town meeting on the first of January 1772 to Monday the Second Day of March 1772 at nine of the clock in the forenoon — — —

Voted to build a bridge over Col. Wilders Mill Pond with the Money already granted for Highways and Bridges. Except Timber and Plank. — — —

Voted to adjourn the ninth Article to the Eighteenth day of May Next to the Meetinghouse in the first Precinct in Lancaster at one o'clock — — — Ebenezer Gates Moderator

A true Copy Examined Test Daniel Robbins Town Clerk

By an Adjournment of the Town meeting from the fifth of October 1770 to March the 2^d 1772 at nine o'clock in the forenoon — —

Voted in regard of chusing a Committee to Inspect the building of a bridge over Col. Wilders Mill Pond and to pass in the Negative

Jonathan Fairbank Mo Senator

Test Daniel Robbins T Clerk

Lancaster Feby the 27th 1772 — — —

Here follows the Accompt of the Precincts of the Town of Lancaster for the Year 1771. — — —

The Selectmen have made a highway Rate of £200 and have delivered it to the several Surveyors of s^d Town — We have also Assessed the Inhabitants of s^d Town with a Province Tax of £209-7-8 — and delivered it there of to the several Constables of s^d Town for s^d Year and sent a Certificate there of to the Province Treasurer, We have also made a Town and County Rate of the Sum of £67-5-3½ Twenty eight Pound eight Shillings five pence two farthings part there of for the County. Five Hundred twenty Eight Pound twelve shillings and nine pence two farthings the remaining Part there of being for the Town and made delivered it there of to the Constables of s^d Town with Warrants to Collect and pay as followeth Viz^t the Town Rate to be payed to Peter Green Town Treasurer on the Twenty seventh day of this present

Precincts for the Town of Lancaster for the Year 1771

2

turn over

February, and the County rate to be paid to the Honourable
Jo: Chandler Esqr at the last day of March next.

Here follows the Amount of the Town of Lancaster with
Peter Green Town Treasurer.

Peter Green Town Treasurer To the Town of Lancaster Dr

To the Ballance that remaind in hand last Year as appears by the
Accompts Adjusted in the Town book as you may See £244=16=4=2
To Cash receivd of the several Constables £226=12=9=2
244=16=4=2
473=09=1=0

Cr By Credit by sundry Orders drawn of the Select
Men on Peter Green.

By In favour of Abijah Willard £16=14=7=0
Do in favour of Nathaniel Wright 02=00=00=0
Do in favour of Levi Nichols 00=05=4=0
Do in favour of Ephraim Willard 07=06=11=2
Do in favour of Levi Nichols 00=11=10=3
Do in favour of John White 02=00=00=0
Do in favour of William Willard Junr 09=13=04=2
Do in favour of Nathaniel Eyman 08=08=00=0
Do in favour of Abel Willard Esqr 00=08=06=0
Do in favour of Nathaniel Willard 05=05=00=0
Do in favour of John Cleverly 04=03=06=0
Do in favour of John Phillips 02=01=00=0
Do in favour of Reuben Rugg 10=11=04=0
Do in favour of Henry Harkill 00=00=03=0
Do in favour of Joseph Osgood 00=04=00=0
Do in favour of Jonathan Wilder 05=14=11=0
Do in favour of Ezra Beaman 00=16=02=0
Do in favour of David Osgood 07=09=10=0
Do in favour of Samuel Bailey 09=19=07=3
Do in favour of Phineas Beaman 00=15=00=0
Do in favour of Joseph Wilder 04=05=08=0
Do in favour of Reuben Rugg 10=14=00=0
Do in favour of Thomas Sawyer 01=16=01=0
Do in favour of John Palmer 04=16=11=1
Do in favour of Aaron Sawyer 03=06=03=2
Do in favour of Daniel Albert 02=08=00=0
Do in favour of William Whitney 06=06=09=2
Do in favour of Timothy Haywood 00=03=02=1
Do in favour of William Tucker 05=19=00=0
Do in favour of Joseph Carter 01=19=08=0
Do in favour of Levi Moore 01=02=07=0
Do in favour of Hooker Osgood 02=00=06=0
Do in favour of Caleb Wilder 01=12=00=0
Do in favor of Peter Green 01=10=00=0
Do in favour of Abijah Eyman 00=11=02=2
Do in favour of Hezekiah Gates 00=04=00=0
Do in favour of Levi Willard 00=03=06=0

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Do in favour of Nathaniel Joslin	00	07	00
Do in favour of John Prescott	01	16	06
Do in favour of Samuell Joslin	02	10	00
Do in favour of Thomas Gates	01	04	00
Do in favour of John Barnes	03	03	00
Do in favour of Thomas Bennett	00	14	00
Do in favour of David Wilder	00	08	01
Do in favour of David Wilder	02	15	00
Do in favour of Josiah Ballard	06	06	09
Do in favour of Jon Prescott	02	19	00
Do in favour of William Phelps	01	01	00
Do in favour of Jeremiah Haskil	00	05	06
Do in favour of Cyrus Fairbank	03	16	00
Do in favour of Nathaniel Sawyer Junr	01	01	00
Do in favour of Thomas Gates	06	02	04
Do in favour of Enoch Dole	01	10	10
Do in favour of Samuell Rice	03	08	08
Do in favour of Joseph Kilburn	07	06	10
Do in favour of Joseph Kilburn	02	06	06
Do in favour of Samuel Prentice	08	07	04
Do in favour of Abigail Congrett	02	00	10
Do in favour of Ephraim Sawyer	05	06	07
Do in favour of Ephraim Sawyer	00	07	03
Do in favour of Abijah Willard	01	19	04
Do in favour of Peter Green	00	15	04
Do in favour of Asael Phelps	00	14	02
Do in favour of Asael Phelps	00	10	08
Do in favour of Asael Phelps	00	16	00
Do in favour of Willard Ward	01	04	00
Do in favour of Barnet Wait	04	13	07
	207	4	7
Ballance due from Green to the Town of Lancaster	473	9	1
	266	4	6

A True Copy
Attest Samuel Robbins
Town Clerk

Abijah Willard
Aron Sawyer
David Wilder
Josiah Ballard
Joseph Kilburn
} Select men of Lancaster

Warrant for May meeting 1772

Worcester ss these are in his Majesties Name to will and Require all the Freeholders and other Inhabitents of the Town of Lancaster that Have an Estate of Freehold of Land within this Province or Territory of forty Shillings pr annum at Least or other Estate to the Value of forty Pounds Sterling to meet at the meeting house in the first Precinct in Lancaster on Monday the Eighteenth Day of may Instant att Ten O Clock in the Morning Then and there to Elect and Depute one or more Persons to Represent said Town in a Great and General Court or assembly appointed to be convened held and Kept for His Majesties Service at Harvard College in Cambridge on the Twenty seventh Day of may Current att Nine O Clock in the Morning and so De Di in Diem During their Session or Sessions

2dly To Chuse a Moderator for the goverment of Said meeting—
3dly To See if the Town will give further orders Concering the Granier School order or Transact any thing Relateing thereto
4th ly To See if the Town will Raise money to Pay Capt James Carter Gardeen to Andrew Wilder for the Road Laid through Said Wilders Land. — Lancaster May ye 4th 1772 —
By Order of the Select men Daniel Robbins Town Clerk

Proceeding of May meeting for 1772

Worcester ss may the 18th 1772 - att a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally Warned and Held this Day firstly Chose Capt Asa Whetcomb Representeve Voted and Chose Capt Hezekiah Gates moderator Voted to Dismiss the third article of the Warrant Voted to Dismiss the Fourth article of the warrant Hezekiah Gates Moderator —
a True Coppy p^r Daniel Robbins Town Clerk —

2dly

on adjournment of a Town meeting on the first Day of Jany 1772 to the first monday in march and then adjorned to the 18th Day of may 1772 then meet and Voted to Raise Six Pounds to Pay the Heirs of andrew Wilder for their Land where the County Road is Laid out — Hezekiah Gates moderator —
a True Copy p^r Daniel Robbins Town Clerk —

att an adjomment of march meeting to the 18th Day of may 1772
at one O clark then Voted to Purchis a Piec of Land of mr William
Greenlief and mr John Phelps to straten the Road then Voted
to chuse a Committee for the same purpos Voted and chose Coll
Abijah Willard Esq Abel Willard Esq and Lt Sumnoor
—— Peter Green moderator ——
a True Copyy Pr Daniel Robbins Town Clerk —

As warant for a town meeting on first wednesday of Jan 1773

Worcester ss To the Freeholders and other Inhabitents
of the Town of Lancaster Legally Quelified to Vote
in Town Affairs Greeting ——————
In his Majesties Name you are hereby requierd to meet
at the Meeting House in the second Precinct in Lanca
ter on the first weenesday in January next at ten of
the Clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the
following articles viz ——————
1dly To chuse a moderator for the goverment of sd meeting
2dly To take into consideration the Dangerous condition of our
Publick affairs in Particular the Independancy of our Superiour
Judges and take such meajures as shall then be throught proper
3dly To chuse a committee to Draw up our greevances and
Infringements upon our Liberties and to Lay them before
the Town when the Town shall so order ——
4dly To consider and act upon the Request from Boston Committee
5dly To give to our Representative such instructions as the Town
Shall think Proper Relative to our Priveledges ——
6dly To chuse a Committee to return an answer to Boston Commit
tee and to correspond with aney other Committee Relateing
to our Priveledges and to Inform the Town of their Transactions
from time to time ——————
7dly To act and do any thing that the Town shall se Proper
to withstand the Dressent Progress of our Enemies in indever
ing to take away our Priveledges ——————
Dated at Lancaster Decm 22d 1772
and in the Thirteenth year of his majesties Reign.
By order of the Select men, Entered by Daniel Robbins Town Clerk

the Proceedings of the above meeting

at a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally warnd held on the first wednesday of January A.D 1773

1 Cy

Voted and Chose Dr. Oliver Moor Moderator

on the third article voted to chuse a Committee to Draw up our grievances and the Infringments upon our Liberties and to Lay them before the Town when the town shall so order. Voted to Chuse Seven men for the Committee Voted to Chuse Dr Wm Dunsmoor Mr. John Prescott. Aaron Sawyer Josiah Kendall Joseph White Nathel Wyman Ebenezer Allen

Voted to adjorn this meeting to Tuesday the Nineteenth Day of this Instant January to the meeting house in the first Precinct in Lancaster at Ten of the Clock in the forenoon to Revive the Report of the Committee Oliver moor moderator on the adjornment from the first wednesday of January to Tuesday the Nineteenth Day of the Same then voted to Recive the above said Committees Report

on the sixth article voted that the above committee be the Committee to make a Return to Boston committee of the Proceedings of the Town of Lancaster

on the fifth Article voted to Give our Representitive Instructions as follow viz.

1 Cy

As you are Chosen to Represent this Town in the General Assembley of this Province we take this opperteunity of informing you of our Sentements relative to the unhappy State of our Publick affairs: you will Receive by the Regulator which are here with Sent to you, the light in which we view the Encroachments made upon our Constitutional Freedom Particularly you will observe our Serious opinion of a Dependancy of the Judges of the Superior Court on the Crown for their Support that they are already so dependant, so that it is in contemplation to render them so we have Great Reason to fear also an act Passed in the Late Session of the British Parliament intituled an act for the better preserving his Majesties Dock yards &c which in a most essential manner infringe the Rights and Liberties of the Colonies as it Puts it in the Power of any wicked Sort of administration Either from malice or Policy to take away any Inhabitent from the Colonies and convey him to Great Britian there to be tried, which by the expence and long detention from his occupation would be the Distruction of almost any man among us al tho his Innocance might finally appear in the Clearest manner and further the late Commissions for taking Persons in our sister Colony Rhode Island and sending them to Great Britain there to be tried upon Suspition of being

Concerned in burneing his Majesties Sooner Gappie is an Invasion of the Rights of the Colonies and ought to Excite the attention of the whole Continent we Expect that you will use your utmost Efforts this Session of our Jenral Assembley to obtain a Radial Redress of our grievances and we wish you Success in your Endeavours and which we cannot but flatter our Selves from the late happy Change in the American Department you will meet with — we Confide in your Ability and Shirmness in all matters which may come before the Jeneral Court assuring you of the Support of this Town in all your Legal Proceeding. and Earnestly Praying that the Great Governer of the world may Direct and bless you in all your ways

At a Legal meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster by Adjornments the Committee appointed by the Town to take into Consideration the State of Publick affaires beg leave to Report the Following Resolves and Instructions — — — —

1 Resolved that this and Every other Town in this Province have an undoubted right to meete together and Consult upon all matters interesting to them when and so often as they shall Judge fit and it is more Especially their Duty so to Do when any Infringement is made upon their Civil or Religious Liberties —

2 Resolved that the raising a Revenue in the Colonies without their Consent Either by them Selves or their Representatives is an Infringement of that Right which Every freeman has to Disposs of his own Property

3 Resolved that the granting a Sallary to his Excellency the governer of this Province out of the Revenue unconstitutionally raised from us is an Innovation of a Verey alarming Tendancy

4 Resolved that it is of the highest Importance to the Security of Liberty Life and Property that the Publick Administration of Justice Should be Pure and Impartial and that the Judges Should be free from Every Byass either in favour of the Crown or the Subject

5 Resolved that the absolute Dependency of the Judges of the Superiour Court of this Province upon the Crown for their Support Should it all Should Ever take Place have the Strongest Tendancy to Byass the minder of the Judges and would weaken our Confidence in them

6 Resolved that the Extension of the Power of the Court of vice admeralty to its present enormous Degree

it a great grievance and Deprives the subject in many Instances of their noble priviledge of English men Granted by Charter ——— ——— ———

7 Ly Resolved that the proceedings of this Town be transmitted to the Town of Boston

Wm Dunsmoor
John Prescott
Josiah Kendall
Ebenezer Allen
Nathl Wyman
Joseph White
} Committee of grievances

Lancaster April 27th 1772 We the Subscribers met and Preambulated the Lines between Harvard & Lancaster

Dr 2nd Dunsmoor
Ebenezer Allen
Nathaniel Farnesworth
Lemuel Willard
} Select men of Harvard and Lancaster

Lancaster April 27 1772 then the Select men of Lancaster and Shirley Preambulated the Lines between Lancaster and Shirley &c

Wm Dunsmoor
Ebenezer Allen
Henry Haskell
Elijah Wilder
} Select men of Shirley & Lancaster

April ye 27 1772 then we met the Select men of Lancaster and Preamblated the Line between Princetown and Lancaster on the old Bounds and Renewed ye Bounds

Ebenezer Jones
Joseph Phelps
} Selectmen of Princeton

We the Subscribers Inhabitants of Lancaster and two of the Inhabitants of Lunenburgh Renewing Preambleated the Lines between said Lancaster & Lunenburgh this 7 Day of may Ad 1772

for Lancaster { Ebenezer Allen / John Phillips

for Lunenburgh { John Heywood / David Carlile

We the Subscribers have preambleted the Lines between the the Towns of Lancaster and the South Part of Leominster viz Beginning at the South East Corner of Leominster at a heap of Stones and Running Westerly to the Southeast Corner of Leominster it being a heap of Stones on the Northwest Corner of Lancaster

April 27 1772

Abiathar Houghton
Ephraim Sawyer
Jonathan Cotton
Ephm Rice Langton
} by order of the Selectmen.

April ye 27th 1772 agreable to the within Notification we met the Select men of Lancaster and Preambulated the Line from the South west Corner of Lancaster to the Northeast Corner of Holden and Renewed all the Bounds that we found

John Child
Jonathan Wheelon } Select men of Holden

A warrant for march meeting for 1773

Worcester ss To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally Qualified to Vote in affairs greeting — — — —

In Hir Majesties Name you are hereby required to meet at the meeting House in the Second Precinct in Lancaster on monday the first Day of march next at ten of the Clock in the Forenoon then and there to act on the following articles Viz — — —

1 Ar To Chuse a Moderator for the goverment of said meeting

2 Ar To Chuse Town officers for the Enjuing year as the Law Directs if being your annual meeting for that Purpos

3 Ar To grant money to defray the Charges of said Town for the Enjuing year — — — — — — — —

4 Ar To See How much money the Town will grant for Schooling

5 Ar To see what measures the Town will Come into Relative to the gramer School or to act or Transact any thing as they shall think Proper — — — — — — — —

6 Ar To see if the Town will Raise money to be wourk out at Bridges and High ways and How much — — — — — —

7 Ar To See if the Town will Build a wourk House and say where it Shall Stand and Raise money for the Same and Chuse a Committee to See the house built —

8 Ar To See if the Town will accept of a Road Laid out from — Jonathan Willders to the road East of Oliver Sawyers House also a Nother Road from Ber Barrets Holts to the Road by Josiah Willders and also a Nother Road from John Prescotts to Dexter Sawyers also a Nother Road from Ezra Sawyers to the Road by Daniel Robinsons also a nother Road from Moses Bayleys by Phenias Willders to the County Road by Nathaniel Wrights also a nother Road from the County Road by Sd Wrights to the Road East of John Rices also to See if the Town will Incorporate the Road on Bull Hill So Called about fifty Rods and accept of a Road Laid out where it is now Road and give mr Ephm Carter the old Road for the new Road

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also a Road the End of a Road at Joseph Carters Land and Leland Wheelers about 71 Rods till it Comes into the Road Leading from John Rugg's to Joseph Osgoods — — — — — —

9 Ly. To See if the Town will grant the Request of John Philips and others &c to pay the Damage that the County Road did them in going through their Land — — — — — — — —

10 Ly. To See if the Town will Accept of the Request of Samuel Ward and others Relative to Schooling — — — — — — — —

11 Ly. To See if the Town will give the old Road that goes from the Scar Bridg (so Call) to Prescotts mill in Lieu of the Road running through Ebenezer Allens and to Prescotts Land toward Deacon Sawyers. — — — — — — — — — — — —

12 Ly. To See if the Town will Raise money to be Laid out in Clearing and Digging and making the Said County Road Passing on the west Side of Joseph Gaveys Hill and Chuse a Committee for the Same — Dated at Lancaster Feb: ye 12 1773 and in the Thirteenth year of Majesties Reign by order of the Select men Daniel Robbins Town Clerk — — — — —

Proceedings March Meeting 1773

at a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally warned and held on monday the first Day of march 1773 at Ten of the Clock in the forenoon —

1 Ly. Voted and Chose m^r Peter green moderator — — — —

2 Ly. Chose Majo^r Ebenezer Allen Doct^r Wm Dunsmoor Thos Sawyer Aaron Sawyer & Eph^m Sawyer Select men — — —

Chose Daniel Robbins Town Clerk

Chose Peter Green Town Treasurer — — — — —

Voted to Chuse four Assessors. Chose Doct^r Dunsmoor Nathaniel wyman Aaron Sawyer & Daniel Robbins

Chose Silas How Nathaniel Beman Jonathan Moor & Solomon Jewett Constables. Voted to accept of Joseph Moor Junr Constable in the Room of Jonathan Moor —

Chose Colo Abijah Willard Gardner Wilder Colo Caleb Wilder Oliver Wilder John^o Philips John White Junr Bradrack Albert Jonas Fairbank Junr Nathaniel Houghton Samuel Garrish Samuel Thorpe Junr Nathan Farrow James Richardson Elijah Houghton Joseph Gary Jaal Houghton Joseph Moor Junr — Surveyors off High Ways — — — — — — —

Chose Samuel Snow Daniel Wilder Junr James Kendall Junr Daniel Rugg Junr Field Drivers

Chose Nathaniel White Nathaniel wyman Jonathan Wilder Ase Wetcomb Fence Viewers — — — — —

Chose Jonathan Wilder Samuel Wilder Junr Corders of Staves — —

Jose Cyres Fairbank & Jabez Brooks Selers of Leather
Chose Asa Whetcomb Esqr Richardson Cyres Fairbank
Moses Sawyer Dear Reves — — — — — —
Chose Jos Dunsmoor Asael Phelps Nigh Reves — —
Chose Saul Houghton David John Rugg Jonathan
Knight wardens — — — — — — — — — —
Chose John Wheelock James Wilder Jun Joseph Goss
Ezekiel Kendall Syring men — — — — —
Chose Jonathan Wilder Jonathan Whetney Selers of Cole
Boards and Shingles — — — — — —
Chose John Prescott Esqr Willard Fire wards — —
3 Qy Voted to Raise one Hundred and Forty Pounds for Town Charges
4 Qy Voted to Raise one Hundred & four Pound for Schooling — —
5 Qy Voted to keep one half of the Gramer School in the old Parrish
and the other half in the New to Begin the fifteenth of
July and Continue to the fifteenth of January what Remains
Relateing to the school is Left to the Selectmen — —
6 Qy Voted to Raise two Hundred and Seventy Pound to be work
out at High ways and Bridges Voted that men and Teames
Weges is as was voted Last year — — — — —
7 Qy Voted to adjourn the Seventh article of the warrant Relateing
to a woork House to the Eighteenth Day of may Next — —
9 Qy Voted to accept of a Road Laid out from Barzilla Holts to Josiah
Wilders Voted to accept of a Road from John Prescotts to Devices
Sawyer Voted to adjourn acting on the Road that was Laid
out from Ezra Sawyer to Daniel Robbines to the Eighteenth
Day of may Voted to accept of a Road Laid out from
Jonathan Wilders East of Oliver Sawyers House —
Voted to adjourn acting Relateing to the Road from Moses
Bayleys to John Rugg Voted to Discontinue the Road
on Bull Hill so Called a bout fifty Roads and accept of a Road
Laid out where it is now Traveled and give mr Eph. Carter
the old Road for the New Road Voted to Except of the Request
of Samuel Ward and others in Regard of Schooling —
Voted to adjourn acting Relateing to the Road from
the End of Joseph Carters Land to the Road Leading to
John Rugg Voted to Dismis the Twelfth article of the
Warrant Voted to adjourn this meeting to the Eighteenth
Day of May Next — —

Peter Green moderator

Entred by Daniel Robbins Town Clerk

udentiels
ye Town
Lancaster
rye year
1772

Lancaster ye 28th Febr 1773 Here followeth an accompt of the Prudentials of ye Town of Lancaster for ye year 1772 the Select men have made a Highway Rate of £ 400 Pounds and have Dilivered Lists to the Several Surveyors of said Town — — — — — — Have also made a Province Tax of two Hundred and Eighteen Pounds Seventeen Shillings and seven pence Dilivered Lists thereof to the Several Constables of sd Town for sd year and have sent a Sertificate Ther of to the Province Treasurer we have also made a Town and County Role of the Sum of £233:18:2 and 23:18:2 part thereof for the County £210 Pounds the Remaing part thereof being for the Town — — and have Dilivered Lists thereof to the Constables of Said Town with warrants to Collect the Sum as followeth the County Part to be payed to the Honble John Chandler Esqr by the 1st Day of march next — — — the Town Part to be payed to Peter Green Town — Treasurer by the 27th Day of sd Instant — — here followeth the rest of the Town of Lancaster with Peter Green Town Treasurer to the Town of Lancaster Debtor to the Ballance that Remained in his Hands the Last year as apears by the Sertt. adjusted in the Town Book — — — — — — — — — — — — — £266:4:5:1
To Cash Recd of the Several Constables — 210:0:0:0
— — — — — — — — — — — — — —

Do in for of Joseph White — 2-7-0
Do in for of Rubin Lepinwell — 1-10-5
Do in fa of Nathl Berman — 0-5-7
Do in fa of Monoseh Dwoll — 0-16-4
Do in fa of John Phelps — 2-1-1
Do in fa of Jon Whetney — 1-12-8
Do in fa of Amos Knight — 2-6-6
Do in fa of Wm Willard — 8-12-4-1
Do in fa of John Berman — 0-17-7-1
Do in fa of Andrew Haskell — 0-10-0-0
Do in fa of John Warner — 3-3-0
Do in fa of Nathl Wyman — 2-4-6
Do in fa of Jeremiah Haskell — 1-4-6
Do in fa of Hooker Osgood — 0-9-0
Do in fa of Wm Willard — 2-13-2
Do in fa of Isaac Stowell — 6-6-7
Do in fa of Hooker Osgood — 0-2-8
Do in fa of Nathl White — 0-9-4
Do in fa of Nathl White — 0-4-0
Do in fa of Elisha White — 3-14-1-0
Do in fa of Levi Abbott — 0-2-4
Do in fa of Abijah Willard — 3-3-4
Do in fa of Joseph Wheelock — 1-8-0
Do in fa of Wm Willard — 1-7-8
Do in fa of Oliver Moor — 4-14-1-3
Do in fa of Joseph Abbott — 0-13-4-0
Do in fa of Capt Gates — 0-18-4-0
Do in fa of Abel Willard — 8-0-0-0
Do in fa of Silas How — 2-17-4-3
Do in fa of Thos Gary — 2-12-6-0
Do in fa of Abraham Haskell — 3-17-11-0
Do in fa of Gardener Wilder — 4-0-0-0
Do in fa of Timothy Herrington — 2-8-0
Do in fa of Caleb Wilder — 1-0-0
Do in fa of Jonael Houghton — 0-16-4-3
Do in fa of Peter Larkin — 2-1-0-0
Do in fa of Cyrus Fairbank — 2-2-0-1
Do in fa of Gardener Wilder — 4-0-0-0

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Do in fav of Wm Hooker	1-0-7-1
Do in fav of Samuel Hood	1-17-0-0
Do in favr of John Rugg	0-9-2-0
Do in favr of Wm Dunmoon	4-4-2-0
Do in favr of Thos Gates	1-11-2-0
Do in favr of Israel Atherton	2-16-0-0
Do in favr of Nathl Sawyer	0-13-4-0
Do in favr of Thos Gates	6-2-4-0
Do in favr of Capt Gates	2-14-2-0
Do in favr of John Phelps	3-6-10-0
Do in favr of Fairbank (2d Ord)	1-19-0-0
Do in favr of Joshua Fletcher	0-12-8-0
Do in favr of Josiah Ballard	4-4-9-0
Do in favr of David Wilder	2 14 0-0
Do in favr of David Willard	4-8-2-2
Do in favr of Josiah Fairbank	1-2-4
Do in favr of Joseph Kilburn	4-18-4-0
Do in favr of Samuel Rice	4 19-0-0
Do in favr of Josiah Fairbank	2-0-0-0
Do in favr of Samuel Sawyer	0-14-0-0
Do in favr of Ephm Sawyer	4-6-7-0
Do in favr of Jonathan Wilder	0-13-0-0
Do in favr of Joseph Kilburn	7 0-10 3
Do in favr of Elijah Houghton	0 9-4-0
Do in favr of Josiah Ballard	8-6-9-0
Do in favr of Gardner Wilder	2-11-4-0
Do in favr of Josiah Ballard	0-11-4-0
Do in favr of Abijah Willard	16-14-4-0
Do in favr of Reuben Rugg	9-8-0-0
Do in favr of Daniel Robbins	0-7-3-0
Do in favr of Daniel Robbins	0 16-4-0
Do in favr of Jabez Fairbank	1-18-9-0
Do in favr of Reuben Rugg	0-11-4-0
Do in favr of Jona Osgood	1-10-0-0
Do in favr of Samuell Prentice	8 7-4 3
Do in favr of Jonathan Wilder	4-19-0-1
Do in favr of Joseph Woods	0 13-0-0

Lancaster Sept. 26th 1773
Collatrice Due from said green to Town of
Lancaster is two Hundred Pound Eleven Pound seven
Shillings and Eight Pence ——— ——— ———

Wm Bumpus } Select
Aaron Sawyer } men
Ephr Sawyer } of
Ebenezer Allen } Lancaster
Tho Sawyer

Entred by Daniel Robbins Town Clerk ———

Warrant for May meeting for 1773

Worcester ss These are In his Majesties Name to will and Requier all the Free-holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster that have an Estate of Free-hold of Land within this Province or Territory of forty Shillings P annuam at Least or other Estate to the Value of forty pound Sterling to meet at the meeting house in the first precinct in Lancaster on Tuesday ye Eighteenth Day of may Instant at ten of the Clok in the foornoon then and their to act and Depute one or moor Person to Represent said Town in a grate and general Court or assembly appointed to be Convened Held and Kept for his majesties Service at the Court House in Boston on Wednesday the Twenty Sixth Day of may Instant and so De from Diem During their Session or Sessions Dated at Lancaster may ye 30 one thousand seven hundred & seventy three by order of ye Select men Daniel Robbins Town Clerk

According to the Warrant the Town meet and Chose Capt Asa Whitcomb to Represent the Town ———

ad journment
of march
meeting
the Eighteenth
of may next

on ad journment of march meeting to the Eighteenth
Day of may then met and accepted of Cyrus Fairbanks
Constable in the Room of Silas How — — — —
on ye 4th article to Chuse a Committee to Convorce
with Harvard and Bolton in Regard of a work house
Voted to Chuse three men as a Committee viz — — —
David Wilder Monosoh Dicol & Nathel Wyman —
Voted to Dismiss that Road laid out from Ezra
Sawyers to the Road by Daniel Robbinses
Voted to ad journ meting on the Road from moses
Bayleys to Nathel Wrights to the first monday
of march Next Voted to Dismiss that Road from
Nathel Wrights to John Ruggs
Voted to Dismiss that Road Laid out from the
End of Joseph Carters Land to Joseph Osgoods
Voted to give mr Ebenezer Allen three pounds
for Damage of a Road Leading from John Prescotts
to Deriel Sawyers through his Land — — — —

Peter Green moderator

Entred by Daniel Robbins Town Clerk —

Worcester ss March 7. 1774 I have warned the free Holders
of the Town of Lancaster to meet according to the warranton
the contra Side at time & Place by Posting up a warrant
at Each Meeting House in said Town Fourteen days before hand

P. Daniel Robbins Town Clerk

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Worcester ss To the Free Holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally Qualified to vote in Town Affairs Greeting

(Seal)

In his Majesties Name you are Hereby Required to meet at the Meeting House in the first Precinct in Lancaster On the first Monday in March next at Ten of the Clock in the Fore noon then & there to Act on the following Articles viz:—

Warrant for March Meeting for 1774

1st To Chuse a Moderator for the Government of s.d meeting

2d To Chuse Town Officers for the Year Ensuing it being Your Annual Meeting for that Purpose

3d To Grant money to defray the Charges of said Town for y.e Ensuing Year

4th To See how much money the Town will grant for Schooling

5th To see if the Town will Raise money to be work'd out at the High ways & Bridges and how much and Act & Transact any thing Relating thereto

6th To see if the Town will buy or build Town School Houses or act or Transact any thing Relating thereto

7th To See if the Town will Chuse a Committee to Lay out the old roads or Act or Transact any thing Relating thereto

8th To See if the Town will sell or change the old Road Leading from the Old Tavern (so Called) from thence to Prescotts Mill or Act or Transact any thing Relating thereto

9th To See if the Town will Accept of a Road Laid out by the Widw Anna Wilders and Elisha Allens from the Road Leading by Mose Wilders till it comes to the Road which leads to the Road by Thos Gates

10th To See if the Town will Accept of a Road Laid out from the South meadow Bridge to the old Place where Joshua Houghton used to live

11th To See if the Town will Accept of A Road by John Willards to the County road that leads to Kanard & Continue it by Peter Willards to the Town Line

12th To See if the Town will discontinue the old Road that Leads from Nathl Wilders down to the Road by Thos Fairbanks

13th To See if the Town will buy a book to Record new comers into Town

14th To See if the Town will Accept of Nath.l Wrights Road as they have been laid before the Town in 1772

15th To See if the Town will allow Josiah Fairbank Constable in 1772 the Rates of Caleb Church he being out of the way before he had Opportunity to take him

16th To See if the Town will allow Doct.r Clevers Acount for Doctoring the Widw Farmer or Act or Transact any thing Relating thereto

17th To See if the Town will allow Wm Dunsmoor his Acco.t for Doctoring Mary Davis a Poor Girl part of the time under the Towns Charge

Dated at Lancaster Febr.y 18th 1774 & in the Fourteenth Year of his Majestys Reign — By Order of the Select men

Daniel Robbins Town Clerk

Prudentials 1773

Lancaster February 28th 1774 —

Here follows an Accot of the Prudentials of Town of Lancaster for the Year 1773 The Assessors of Said Town have made a High way Rate of the Sum of Two Hundred & Seventy pounds and have delivered Lists to the Several Surveyors of Said Town, have also made a Province Tax of £239 8 2 delivered Lists thereof to the Several Constables of Said Town for Said Year & have sent a Certificates thereof to the Province Treasurer, have also made a Town & County Rate of the Sum of Two Hundred & Seventy five pounds Ten Shillings & Six pence & thirty one pounds Ten Shillings & Six pence part thereof for the County £ 244 — the Remaining part thereof being for the Town & have delivered Lists thereof to the Constables of Said Town with warrants to collect & pay as follows viz. The County's part to be paid to the Honorable John Chandler Esq. by the first day of march next — The Towns part to be paid to Peter Green Town Treasurer by the 27th day of February Instant —

Here follows the Accot of the Town of Lancaster with with Peter Green Town Treasurer —

Peter Green To the Town of Lancaster Dr To the Ballance that Remained in his hands the Last Year as Appears by the Accot Adjusted in the Town Book £211. 7. 8
To Cash Recd of the Several Constables — — — 244 —
£455. 7. 8

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By Sundry Orders drawn by the Selectmen On Said Green viz —

By an Order in favr of Josiah Ballard	£ 8	0 0½
By Do in favr of Peter Willard	6	9 9
By do in favr of Wm Greenleaf	2	8 —
By do in favr of Wm Tooker	0	19 9¾
By do in favr of Reuben Sippinwell	8	—
By do in favr of Wm Knight	5	9½
By do in favr of John White	1	4 —
By do in favr of John Phillips	1	19 4½
By do in favr of Wm Willard 2d	18	4
By do in favr of Asael Phelps	1	—
By do in favr of John Warner	3	5 3
By do in favr of Wm Willard 3d	17	1¾
By do in favr of Mrs Bennett	2	16 10
By do in favr of Nath Wyman	9	7
By do in favr of Ruth Farmer	15	1
Carried Forward	44	4 —

The Debt brot Forward £455 7 8

The Ct Treas Rect . . . . . £44 4 —
By an order in favr of Joshua Fairbank . . . 4 15 1
By — Do in favr of Aaron Sawyer 6 13 6
By — do in favr of Do — Do . . . . . 3 19 —
By — do in favr of Ebenezer Allen 11 9 2½
By — do in favr of Jno Prescott 2 12 1
By — do in favr of Abigail Carter . . . . . 12 —
By do in favr of Jno Phelps 1 13 4
By do in favr of David Wilder 2 12 9¼
By do in favr of Wm Dunsmoor 3 15 11
By do in favr of Thomas Gates 5 18 10½
By do in favr of Coll Joseph Wilder . . . . . 7 15 —
By do in favr of Joshua Fletcher . . . . . 1 10 — Prudentials for 1773 —
By do in favr of Nathl Sawyer . . . . . 2 —
By do in favr of Saml Joslin 2 17 8½
By do in favr of Capt Gates . . . . . 16 —
By do in favr of Willard & Ward 3 13 11½
By do in favr of Josiah Fairbank 15 2
By do in favr of Cyrus Fairbank 1 5 8
By do in favr of Do — Do 2 6 6
By do in favr of Thomas Gates . . . . . 13 —
By do in favr of Jno Prescott 1 16 6
By do in favr of Ebenezr Allen 3 12 11
By do in favr of Gard. Wilder . . . . . 2 10 —
By do in favr of John Rugg . . . . . 1 — —
By do in favr of Ephrm Sawyer 7 15 4
By do in favr of Phebe Houghton . . . . . 1 — —
By do in favr of Joseph Kilborne 7 12 8¾
By do in favr of Ephraim Sawyer 5 10 10¾
By do in favr of Josiah Fairbank 18/8 in favr of do 30/2 — 2 8 10
By do in favr of 8 Do 4 11 4 By Do in favr of Asa Rugg 4/4 — 4 15 8
By do in favr of Henry Wyman 4/ do in favr of Noah Dole 14/ — 18 —
By do in favr of Josiah Wyman 7/1 do in favr of Jer Burpee 14/10 1 1 11
By do in favr of David Osgood 15 15 9 do in favr of James Carter 6 — 11 15 9
By do in favr of Thos Sawyer 4 2 10¾ do in favr of Oliver Moor 11/8 4 14 6¾
By do in favr of Joseph Moor 19/4 do in favr of Oliver moor 4 17 11¼ — 5 11 3¼
By do in favr of Nathl Wilder 13/4 do in favr of Josiah Wilder 4 3 9 — 4 17 1
By do in favr of Ezra Houghton 4/ do in favr of Enoch Heriot 13 — 3 4 —
By do in favr of Thos Sawyer 12 5/ do in favr of Jabez Fairbank 3 18 8 — 16 3 8
By do in favr of Josiah Wilder 4 11/ do Thos Sawyer 1/1 — 6 18 —
By do in favr of Wm Dunsmoor 5 17¾ do in favr of Abijah Willard 39/6 — 7 1 1¾ 212 1 1¼

At a Meeting of the Free Holders and other Inhabitants
of the Town of Lancaster Legally warned held & Kept on
Monday the 7th day of march AD 1774

1st Voted & Chose Peter Green Moderator

2d Chose Mess.rs William Dunsmoor, Peter Green
Josiah Ballard, Jeremiah Burpee & Ezra Houghton 2d } Select men

Chose Mess.rs Peter Green Wm Dunsmoor
Aaron Sawyer & Daniel Robins } Assessors

Chose Samuel Ward Town Clerk

Chose Mr Peter Green Town Treasurer

Chose Mess.rs John White Jun.r Moses Sawyer
Samuel Sawyer 2d & Joseph Moor 2d } Constables

Voted to Accept of Nathaniel Beman as Constable in the room
of John White Jun.r

Voted to Dismiss Mess.rs Aaron Sawyer Daniel Robins and
Peter Green as Assessors

Voted & Chose Ezra Houghton 2d & Mr Jeremiah Burpee
& Mr Josiah Ballard Assessors in stead of those Dismissed

Voted to Dismiss Josiah Ballard as an Assessor

Voted And Chose Mr John Sprague an Assessor in the room
of Mr Josiah Ballard Dismissed

Voted & Chose Mess.rs Thomas Bennett,
Josiah Ballard, David Wilder
Abner Hashell, Simon Willard
Levi Moor, Samuel Thurston
David Willard John Pearson
Solomon Steward, Saul Houghton
Ephr.m Wilder, Thomas Brooks
Ephraim Roper, Joshua Sawyer
Silas Fairbanks, Nathan Rugg } Highway Surveyors

Voted to Dismiss Ephr.m Roper as Highway Surveyor

Voted & Chose Josiah Winn Highway Surveyor

Voted & Chose Mess.rs Joel Phelps, Ephraim Carter Jun.r
Ezra Houghton, Nath.l Houghton } Field Drivers

Chose, Elisha White, Jonathan Whitney
Ebenez.r Bass, David Osgood } Fence Viewers

Continued

Chose - Samuel Wilder & Asa Wilder — Cullers of Staves

Chose — Cyrus Fairbanks & Isaac Brooks — Sealers of Leather

Chose — Moses Sawyer — Capt. Asa Whitcomb
Aaron Sawyer & Cyrus Fairbanks } Deer Reeves

Chose Dea. Wm. Dunsmoor & Asael Phelps — Fifth Reeves

Chose — Asa Wilder, Ephraim Wilder
James Pratt, Joseph Abbott } Wardens

Chose — John Whelock Jun. James Goodwin
Ebenezer Rice & James Kendall Jun. } Sithing Men

Chose John Brooks & Jona. Whitney — Sealers of Clap boards & Shingles

Chose John Phelps & Jona. Whitcomb, Firewards

Voted To Raise Two Hundred pounds for Town charges

Voted To Raise One Hundred & four pounds for schooling

Voted To Raise Two Hundred & forty pounds to be work'd out at Highways & Bridges

Proceedings of March meeting 1774

Voted That the wages for men & Teams work at the Highways be the same as they were the Last Year

On the 6th Article the Question being put to see if the Town would Build or buy 4 school Houses & it passed in the negative

On the 7th Article the Vote being put to see if the Town would Choose a Committee to Lay out the Old Roads and it Passed in the negative

On the 8th Article the Question being put to see if the Town would Choose a Committee to Examine into the affair of the Road Leading from the Old Scar so called to Prescotts Mill & See if there is any Records of it & Report to the Town what is proper to be done & it passed in the affirmative

Chose Messrs. Ephraim Carter, David Wilder & Capt. Henry Gates a Committee for the Same

Voted to Adjourn the 9th article Respecting Elisha Allens road To the 16th day of may next

On the 10th Article Respecting the Road by South meadow Voted to Adjourn it to the 16th day of next may

on the 11th Article Voted to Accept of the Return of a Road Laid out by John Willards

on the 12th Article Respecting the road Leading from Nathaniel Wilders Voted to Adjourn it to the 16th day of may next

13th Voted to Buy a Book to Record new comers in to Town

14th Article Respecting Nathl. Wrights Road Voted to Continue it to the 16th day of may next

On the 15th Article Respecting Caleb Churches Rates Voted & Continue it to next may meeting

Turn over

Continued —

on the 16th Artiule Respecting Doct. Beverley, Aug. voted that it should be Inspected by Abel Willard Esq. & Doct. Atherton and that the Select men do give him an order Ageable to their Report ——

On the 17th Artiule Respecting Doct. Dunsmoors Acct. Voted to Continue it to y 16th of may next then to be Conferd

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to monday the 16th day of may next at the Meeting House in the Second Parish at One of the Clock in the afternoon ——

Peter Green moderator

March 9th 1774

Sam. Ward Town Clerk

Lancaster 16th may 1774 at an adjournment of last march meeting to this day the Town being met Accordingly, Passed the following votes viz ——

On the 9th artiule in the warrant of last march meeting Respecting Elisha Allens Road by his house voted to accept said Road & the Owners of the Land are satisfyed without any allowance ——

On the 10th artiule Respecting the Road by South meadow Bridge voted to Continue it to y first monday of march next

On the 12th Artiule Respecting the Road from Nathaniel Wilder down to the Road by Tho. Fairbank's voted to Continue it to the first monday in march next ——

on the 14th Artiule Respecting Nathaniel Wrights Road Voted not to Accept of s.d Road — On y 15th Artiule voted to allow Josiah Fairbanks Constable, Caleb Church, Rates for 1772

On y 17th artiule voted to allow Doct. Dunsmoor his Acct. for Doct. Jeny davis to April 1772 Amounting to £5. 11. 6 ——

Voted to Accept of Joseph Moor Junr. as Constable in the Stead of Moses Sawyer — Messrs. Ephraim Carter David Wilder Esqr. Gates being chose a Committee Last march to Examine into the Affair of the Road leading from Old Star to Prescott, mill &c. if there is any Record of it & make Report to the town, have now Reported Accordingly & the Town takeing the matter into Consideration voted that Deacon David Wilder Capt. Gates & Doct. Dunsmoor be a Committee to Settle with Mr Allen & make him such further Allowance in Land or money as they think proper for a Road laid thro his Land as mentioned in his Petition to the Quarter Sessions, voted to Dismiss Capt. Ephraim Wilder as warden & chose Ebenezer Taylor in his Stead Voted to Adjourn this meeting to the first monday in march next & y meeting House in the third Parish Peter Green moderator

Worcester ss These are in his Majesties Name to will and
Require all the Free Holders & other Inhabitants of the
Town of Lancaster that have an Estate of Free hold of Land
within this Province or Territory to the Value of Forty
Shillings p Ann. nun at Least, or Other Estate to the Value
of Forty pounds Sterling to meet at the meeting House in
the Second Precinct in S.d Lancaster on monday the 16th day
of may next at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon then &
there to Elect & Depute one or more Persons to Represent
said Town in a Great & General Court or Assembly Appointed
to be held & kepd for his majesties Service at the Court House
in Boston on Wednesday the 25th day of may next and so
de die in diem dureing their Session or Sessions
Dated at Lancaster the 30th day of April A.D 1774
By Order of the Select men
Sam.l Ward Town Clerk

Warrant for may meeting 1774

The Town being met agreable to the above warrant made.
Choice of Capt. Asa Whitcomb to Represent said Town

Worcester ss

To the Free Holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Qualified to Vote in Town affairs Greeting

(Seal)

In his Majestie's name you are Required to meet at the meeting House in the first Precinct in Lancaster On monday the 5th day of September next at one of the Clock in the afternoon to act upon the articles hereafter mentioned viz To Chuse a moderator to Govern said Meeting

2d Art

To See if the Town will do any thing towards the Relief of the Suffering Poor of the Town of Boston Occationed by a Late Act of Parliament for Blocking up the Port of said Town or to Act or Transact any thing Relateing thereto

3d Art

To See if the Town will come into any agreement for non Importation & non Exportation of Goods to or from Great Britain or to act or Transact any thing Relateing thereto

4th

To Chuse a Committee or Committees to Act or do any thing or things that the Town shall think Prosper to be done or Acted by any agreement with any other Town or Towns in order to get Releaf in the best & most easy way from our Present Difficultys Inflicted On us by the Late Acts of Parliament and to Act and do any matter or thing that the Town shall see needfull to be done & to report to the Town from time to time what they have done & to Receive the Towns Order to act & do what the Town shall think Prosper to be done & Acted

grant for meeting 10th 1774

5th

To Grant money to Support Schools in said Town and the Poor of said Town and any Other thing or things that said Town shall See needfull or to grant money or Labour to Build Bridges or Repair Bridges and ways in s.d Town and to come into such way and measures to affect the same as may be Prosper and to Dispose of said money So Granted as the Town shall think Prosper and when it shall be paid

6th

To Lay out any way or ways or to alter any way or ways that the Town shall See needfull and to make record of the same

7th

To See what way the Town will come into to pay their Part of the Charges of the Province Proposed Longest. 8th To Grant money to Purchase a Town stock of Ammunition and to Order how much shall be Purchased & when it shall be Purchased & under whose Care & direction it shall be

9th

To Pass such Votes as the Town shall think Prosper to be done to get Releaf from these Oppressive Acts of Parliament which hath been Inflicted on us Lately and to Act any thing that said Town shall think needfull Relateing to the Congress and to Accept and Ratify what they shall do & the Town think fit

10th To Pass any Voted or Votes that may be thought needfull for Order to get Releas in our Present Distressed circumstances by our just Rights & Previledges as we think being taken from us ——— ——— ——— ———

11th To See if the Town will Vote to abide by our charter Rights & Previledges — By order of the Select men of Lancaster — ———

Lancaster July 30th A.D 1774 Joseph Moor Constable

September 5th 1774 I have warned the Inhabitants Agreable to the within warrant to meet at time & Place by Posting up warrants at the meeting Houses in Each Parish in Sd Lancaster 14 days before this meeting — Joseph Moor Constable —

At a meeting of the Free Holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Agreable to the all warning September 5th 1774 the Following Votes Passed viz, 1st Voted & Chose Capt Hezekh Gates moderator

2d Voted to Choose a Committee to Consist of Seven Persons to be a Committee of Correspondence for the County

Chose Doct William Dunmore
Dean David Wilder
Aaron Sawyer
Capt Asa Whitcomb
Capt Hezekh Gates
John Prescott
Ephraim Sawyer

} as a Committee & Correspondence

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Voted that the Above Committee make Report to the Town of their doings from time to time as Expected in the warrant —

Voted that any number Even less than a majority of this above Committee shall be Sufficient to Represent the Town as a Committee of Correspondence ———

Voted that the Town will Indemnify the Constable for not returning a list of the Freeholders for Jurors under

Under the Late Act of Parliament ——————

Voted To Raise Fifty pounds for to buy Ammunition with to be a Town Stock ——————

Voted to Adjourn this meeting to monday the 19th Instant at One of the Clock in the afternoon to meet at the meeting House in the Second Parish in Lancaster

Hezekiah Gates moderator

Attest Sam Ward Town Clerk

Lancaster September 19th 1774 at a meeting of the Free Holders & other Inhabitants of the said Town by Adjournment the Following Votes Passed Viz —

1st Voted & Chose Doct. Wm Dunmoor moderator in the Room of Capt Gates who is absent ——————

2d Voted That there be One Hundred men Raised as Volunteers to be Ready at a minutes Warning to Turn out upon any Emergency and that they be Formed into Two Companys & Choose their own Officers ——

Proceedings of the meeting 19th Sept 1774

3d Voted That the said Volunteers shall be Reasonably paid by the Town for any Service they may do us in defending our Liberty & Previledges ——————

4th Voted That Doct. Wm Dunsmoor be Impowered to Enlist 50 men in the Old Parish to serve as Volunteers ——

5th Voted That Capt Asa Whitcomb be Impowered to Enlist 50 men in the Second Parish to serve as Volunteers ——————

6th Voted to Buy one Field Piece for the use of the Town —

7th Voted That the Gentlemen Committe of Correspondence for this Town be a Committee to Purchase the Said Field Piece

8th Voted to Adjourn this meeting to Wednesday the 28 Instant at one o'Clock in the afternoon to meet at the meeting House in the first Parish in Lancaster —

William Dunsmore Mod.r

Entred P Sam Ward Town Clerk

Lancaster September 28th 1774 at a meeting of the Free Holders & other Inhabitants of said Town by adjournment & Passed the following votes viz —

1st Voted to adjourn this meeting to 3 o'Clock this afternoon met accordingly & opened the meeting —

2d Voted to Choose one man for the Proposed Provincial Convention to be held at Concord on the Second Tuesday of October next —

3d Voted & Chose Doct. William Dunmore for the Proposed Provincial Convention to be held at Concord on the 2d Tuesday of October next —

Proceedings of the meeting Sept. 28th 1774

4th Voted that notwithstanding the Town Passed a Vote at their Last meeting to buy one field Piece yet if the Committee Appointed for that Purpose Thinks fit they may buy Two 2 Pounders instead thereof —

5th Voted to Adjourn this meeting to the third Tuesday in October next to meet at the meeting House in the Second Parish in Lancaster at One o'Clock in the Afternoon — Hezk Gates Moderator

Entred p Sam Ward Townsclerk

Lancaster December 12th 1774 At a meeting of the Free Holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster by adjournment the Meeting being Opened Passed the Following Votes viz —

Voted to Choose a Committee of 3 Persons to Draw up an Association League & Covenant for Nonconsumption of Goods &c for the Inhabitants to Sign —

Proceedings of the meeting Decr 12th 1774

Voted & Chose Doct. Wm Dunmoor Capt Hezk Gates & Capt Asa Whitcomb a Committee for the above Purpose

Voted To Raise thirty Pound for the Use of the Town

Voted To Adjourn this meting to the first monday in January next to meet at the Meeting House in the First Parish at Ten o'Clock in the forenoon — Hezekiah Gates Mod.r

Lancaster October 18th 1774 At a meeting of the Free Holders and other Inhabetants of the Town of Lancaster by Adjournment from September 28th Last to this day met according ly and the Meting being ~~Incog~~ Opened Prsid the following Votes

viz Voted To Chuse a Committee to Reckon with the Constables and Collectors of Taxes and se what moneys they have in their Hands and to Direct them not to pay out any Public moneys out of their hands without the Towns order and make Report to the Town of their Proceedings as Soon as may be, and that Mr. Dea. Josiah Wilder, Aaron Sawyer & Ephraim Sawyer be a Committee for the above Purpos

The Committee Appointed to Purchase Field Peice, Reported to the Town that they had Purchased Two 4 Pounders for Eight pounds, therefore Voted to accept of What they have done in that Respect

Proceedings of meeting Oct. 18. 1774

Voted To buy 3 hundred wt. of Ball Suitable for Field Peice,

Voted To buy 3 hund. wt. of Grape Shott

Voted that Mr. Aaron Sawyer & Ephraim Sawyer be Empowerd to Recive the money due from the Town of Brookline to Pay for the Field Peice, Ball & Grape Shott

Voted that One Field Peice shall be kept in the Old Parish & the other in the new Parish. and the Grape Shott & Ball to be kept in the Same manner

Voted to Adjourn this meting to monday the 31st. day of October Inst. to meet at the Meting House in the first Parish at One. Clock in the afternoon

Hezekiah Gates Moderator

Entered P. Sam Ward Town Clerk

Lancaster October 31st 1774 At a meeting of the Free Holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster by adjourment from October 18th Instt to this day the Town being met Accordingly Passed the Following Votes viz

Voted to Choose a Committee to Recive the Province & County moneys from the Several Constables and to give the said Constables Proper discharges for the same so that they may be Indemnified from any demands that ~~they~~ may be made on them hereafter by the Province Treasurer or County Treasurer

Voted & Chose Messrs Aaron Sawyer, Ephraim Sawyer, & Doctr Josiah Wilder a Committee for the above Purpose and they are hereby directed to Pay the said moneys as fast as they may Recive them to Henry Gardner Esqr of Stow Receiver General

Voted that the above Committee be Empowered also to Recive the moneys Likewise of the Several Constables which is granted by the General Court & now to be Assessed & Pay the same to Henry Gardner Esqr

Voted to Choose a Committee to Post up all Such Persons as Continue to buy Sell or Consume any East India Teas in Some Public Place in Town and that Doctr Josiah Wilder Ephraim Sawyer & Aaron Sawyer be a Committee for the above Purpose

Voted to build Two Carriages ~~Suitable~~ for the Field Peices & that Deacon Oliver Moor & Aaron Sawyer build one Carriage & that Elisha White, & Joel Shelps build the other Carriage

Voted to Adjourn this meeting to the Second monday of December next to meet at the meeting House in the Second Precinct in Lancaster at One o Clock in the afternoon

Hezekiah Gates Modr

Proceedings of the meeting October 31: 1774

Lancaster January 2d 1775 At a Meeting of the Free
Holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster by
Adjournment Passed the following Votes viz:—

Voted & Choose a Committee to receive Subscriptions & Dona-
tions for the Suffering Poor of the Town of Boston
Occationed by the Late Boston Port Bill ——

Voted & Chose Doct. Dunmore, Deacon David Wilder,
Ephraim Carter, Deacon Asa Whitcomb,
Capt. Daniel Robbins & Ephraim Sawyer as a
Committee for the above Purpose ——

Voted To Carry in the Donations to some one of the Committee
in a Fortnight from this day ——

Voted to Adopt & Abide by the Spirit and Sence of the
Association of the Late Continental Congress held at Philadelphia

Voted to Chose a Committee to See that the said Association be
kept & observed by the Inhabitants of said Town ——

Voted That the above Committee have no pay but do the Busi-
ness Gratis ——

Voted & Chose John Prescott, Capt. Gates, Deacon David
Wilder, ~~Ephraim~~, Ephraim Carter, Doct. Wilder
Doct. Dunmore, Samuel Thurston, Ebenez.r Allen
Ephraim Sawyer, Capt. Asa Whitcomb, Capt. Robbins
Josiah Kendall Junr, Jon.a Fairbanks, David Osgood &
Jonathan Wilder as a Committee for the above Purpose

Voted & Chose David Osgood as a Committee man to Joyn
with the Constables & Receive the Money in the Stead of
Aaron Sawyer deceas'd ——

Voted & Chose Levi Moor, & Israel Moor as a Committee
to Compleat the Carriage for the Field Piece ——

Voted & Chose Capt. Asa Whitcomb & Doct. Wm. Dunmore
to Represent the Town of Lancaster in the said Provincial
Congress to be held at Cambridge on the 1st day of Febr. Instt.

Voted To Adjourn this meeting to the first monday in march
next to Meet at the Meeting House in the Second Parish
at one o Clock in the afternoon ——

Hezekiah Gates Moderator

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Worcester ss (Seal) To the Free Holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally Qualified to Vote in Town affairs &c — — — — — — Greeting —

In his Majesties Name you are hereby Required to meet at the meeting House in the Second Precinct in Lancaster on Monday the 6th day of March next at nine of the Clock in the Forenoon then & there to Act on the Following Artickles . . viz:

1st To Chuse a Moderator for the Government of said meeting
2d To Chuse Town officers for the Year Ensueing —
3d To Grant money for the Town Charges for the Ensueing Year
4th To See how much money the Town will grant for Schooling
5th To See how much money the Town will grant to be worked out in Repairing Highways & Bridges for the Present Year, & Ascertain the Rates of Labour for men & oxen, Attended
6th To See what measures the Town will come into about keeping the Grammer School for the Year Ensueing —
7th To See if the Town will grant the Request of John Prescott to allow or Confirm to him so much of the Old High Road that Leads from his mill to the River by the Bear as goes thro his Land to wit from or against his Mill to Ebenezr Allen Land which is about 48 Rods or to Act any thing thereon — — — — —
8th To See if the Town will Act upon the Petition of Doctor Josiah Wilder & others —
9th To See if the Town will allow the Rates of Nathan Pike for Year 1770, & Elijah Wilson for 1771 & John Burns for 1773 To Constable Cyrus Fairbanks — —

By Order of the Selectmen

Sam Ward Town Clerk

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Worcester ss March the 6th 1776

I have warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster to assemble agreable to the within Mentioned Warrant by Posting up Warrants at Each meeting house in Said Town Copy Entred Per Sam.l Ward Town Clerk

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at a meeting of the Freeholders and others Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster Legally warned Held and Kept on monday the sixth Day of march 1776 past the Following Votes viz —

1 By Voted and Chose Capt Hezekiah Gates moderator

2 By Chose — Ebenezer Allen, Ephm Sawyer, Samuel Thurston, Dot Wm Dunsmoor, David Osgood — Select Men

Chose Daniel Robbins Town Clerk

Chose Cyrus Fairbank Town Treasurer

Voted to Adjourn the Late Town meeting that was Adjourned from the 2d of January to this Day at one of the Clock till four of the Clock

then Chose Garshom Flagg Constable for the North (so Called)

Chose Josiah Bennett Constable on the South Side of the Old Precinct

Chose Jack Houghton Constable on the North Side in the Second precinct

Chose Fortunatus Eager Constable on the South Side in the Second precinct

Voted to Chuse two Assessors viz Capt Hezekiah Gates and Daniel Robbins

Chose Israel Moor, Edward Robbins, Thos Gates 2d, Josiah Houghton — High way Surveairs

Chose Samuel Snow. Ethan Kendall rector green
and Jonas Fairbank Jun Field Drivers — — —
Chose Jonathon Wilder Jonathon Fairbank David Wilder
and John Clerk Fence Viewers — — — — —
Choes Ebenezer Bug Samuel Wilder Jun Culers of Staves
Chose Jabez Brook & Cyrus Fairbank Selers of Leather
Chose James Elder & Moses Sawyer Deer River — —
Chose Josiah Kendall Jun Capt Elisha Sawyer Capt James
Carter & Wm Greenleaf Wardens — — — — —
Chose Samuel Bixby Soul Houghton Willion Jewett —
and Joseph Whelock Fifth Reves — — — — —
Chose Daniel Goss & Jona Wilder Culers of Clebords & Shingles
Chose John Glazer & John Philips Fire Wards — — — —
Chose Silas Fairbanks Josiah Moor John Whelock Jun
& Wm Phelps Tythe reing men — — — — —
Voted to Raise three Hundred & four Pounds for the Towns Use
Voted to Adjourn raising money to be Work't out at
High ways whilst the Next Adjournment of this meeting
Voted to Adjourn acting any thing Relateing to the
Gramer School till the Next meeting — —
Voted to adjourn mr John Prescotts purtition till
the Next meeting — — — — —
Voted to Adjourn this meeting till the Third monday
of may Next to the meeting House in the Swift —
precinct in said Town at Ten of the Clock in the fore noon

Hezekiah Gates moderator

Entred by Daniel Robbins Town Clerk

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according to Adjournment from one O Clock to four
on said Day then meet and acted as followeth viz —
voted that the Select men be a Committee to Receive the
Donations of the several Gent men of the Town to furnish
the Poor of said town with good arms for the use of said Town
Voted the Select men are Impowered to provide Suitable persons
to Lye the grate goons &c., this meeting was Adjourned till
the Third monday of may Next to the meeting House in the
first precinct in said Town at Twelve O Clock

Hezekiah Gates moderator

Entred by me Daniel Robbins Town Clerk

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Lancaster Feby 27th 1775

Here followeth the account of the Prudentiels of said Town with Peter Green Town Treasurer Dr

To the Town of Lancaster to the Ballance that remained in his hands last year as appears by the accounts

	£	s	d
Adjusted in the Town Book	243	6	6 3
Dr to Cash he has orders to Recive of the Several Constables	384	0	0 0
	627	6	6 0

Supr Cr by Sundry orders Drawn on

To Green by the Select men of said Town

	£	s	d
Dr in favour of Joel Houghton	3	6	8 0
Do in favour of Nath^{ll} Wright	3	14	2 1
Do in favour of David Osgood	7	6	4 0
Do in favr of Nath^{ll} Wright	2	3	7 0
Do in favr of Solomon Jewett	1	12	10 0
Do in favr of Thos Sawyer	4	0	0 0
Do in favour of Samuel Goreish	1	12	6 0
Do in favr of Reubin Rugg	13	7	6 0
Do in favr of Samuel Prentice	4	16	4 0
Do in favr of Joseph Kilburn	7	4	0 0
Do in favr of Moses Cooper	1	10	0 0
Do in favr of Thos Gary Jur	0	12	0 0
Do in favr of Daniel Robbins	2	12	0 0
Do in favour of Josiah Coolting	4	00	10 1
Do in favr of Simon Willard	0	4	6 0
Do in favr of John White	4	2	0 0
Do in favr of Nath^{ll} Willard Jur	10	6	9 0
Do in favr of Nath^{ll} Benson	0	13	7 2
Do in favour of Nath^{ll} Benson	1	10	10 0
Do in favour of Thos Bennett	4	12	8 0
Do in favr of Daniel Rugg Jur	1	6	4 0
Do in favr of Daniel Willard	0	6	0 0
Do in favr of John Warner	0	10	4 0
Do in favr of Nath^{ll} Wyman	3	14	6 0
Do in favr of Nath^{ll} Whitemore	4	13	1 2
Do in favr of Reubin Lopenwell	7	6	0 0
Do in favr of Andrew Poor	0	2	0 0
Do in favr of Peter Willard	9	0	0 0
Do in favr of John Warner	2	13	3 0
Do in favr of John Phelps	0	16	0 0
Do in favr of John White Jur	1	4	1 0
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Brought Over	112-16-10-2	
Do in favr of Henry Haskell	£ 4-16-10-0	
Do in favour of Jonathan Whetney	0-6-0-0	Prudential
Do in favr of Timothey Knight	1-7-8-0	for 1774
Do in favr of Asael Phelps	0-14-4-0	
Do in favr of the Wd anna Powars	0-4-6-0	
Do in favr of Jacob Lucor	0-2-8-0	
Do in favr of John White jur	4-16-0-0	
Do in favr of John Davis	1-16-0-0	
Do in favr of Aaron Sawyer	2-17-7-0	
Do in favr of Daniel Goss	0 18-0-0	
Do in favr of Peter Lorkin	2-0-2-2	
Do in favr of Silas How	2-14-4-2	
Do in favr of Cyrus Fairbank	1-2-9-0	
Do in favr of Cyrus Fairbank	0-7-7-0	
Do in favr of Paul Sawyer	2 1 2 0	
Do in favr of Thos Burdett	0 14-0-0	
Do in favr of Dorias Sawyer	0-12-0-0	
Do in favour of Joel Osgood	0 15-7-0	
Do in favr of Capt Samuel Ward	10-4-4-2	
Do in favr of Levi Moor	2-19-2-2	
Do in favr of Nathan Rugg	0-12-0-0	
Do in favr of John Prescott	1-14-4-3	
Do in favr of Josiah Ballard	8-4-4-1	
Do in favr of Samuel Thurston	2-12-3-2	
Do in favr of Dr Josiah Wilder	9-1-4-0	
Do in favr of Dr Josiah Wilder	4-10-8-0	
Do in favr of David Wilder	2-15-8-0	
Do in favr of John Prescott Jun	3-12-0-0	
Do in favr of Ebenezer Allen	0-17-0-0	
Do in favr of Wm Tucker	0-18-6-2	
Do in favr of Elipht Allen	1-10-0-0	
Do in favr of James Pratt	0 10-8-0	
Do in favr of Capt Yates	0 2-0-0	
Do in favr of Dr Peter Green	6-0 0	

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Do in favour of Edward Newton	£4-12-10-0
Do in favr of Seth Haywood	1-13-6-0
Do in favr of John Prescott	1-4-8-2
Do in favr of Aaron Sawyer	3-6-0-0
Do in favr of Thos Sawyer	0-18-6-0
Do in favr of Oliver Moor	4-2-0-0
Do in favr of John Phillips	2-18-6-1
Do in favr of Jonathan Wilder	4-10-0-0
Do in favr of Peter Lorkin	1-18-4-1
Do in favr of Nathaniel White	10-10-6-0
Do in favr of Samll Prentice	4-19-11-2
Do in favr of John Prescott	3-4-4-3
Do in favr of Cyrus Fairbank	2 17 9-0
Do in favr of Cyrus Fairbank	2-7-7-0
Do in favr of Ebenezer Sollen Jur	0 11-8-0

	£	s	d	q
Peter Green Town Treasurer Dr.	627	6	6	3
Credit by orders he Brought in	244	14	4	1
Ballance Due from said Green	382	11	2	2

Lancaster March ye 6th 1775

Josiah Ballard
Peter Green
Ezra Houghton
} Select men of Lancaster

Entred by Daniel Robbins Town Clerk

on an Adjournment from the Sixth of march - 1774
to the Third monday of may 1774 - - - - - -
1ly Voted to Chuse two men in addition to the Selectmen
Chose Cyrus Fairbank & Daniel Robbins
Voted to accept of mr Nath.l Willard Jur as Constable
in the Roome of mr Gorshom Flagg
Voted to Adjourn this meeting till the 2d monday of
Sept.r Next at the meeting House in the second precinct
in Lancaster at one of the Clock in the after noon -

Hezekiah Gates moderator

Entred by Daniel Robbins Town Clerk -

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on an adjournment of a meeting of Sept.r 5.th 1774
to this Third monday of may 1774 then met and
Voted to Chuse two men for the provential -
Congress Voted and Chose Doc.t David Wilder &
Doc.t Wm Bunsmoor - - - - - - - -
Voted to add two more men for Correspondency for the
County Chose Doc.t Thos - Fairbank & mr Jonathan D.r Elder
Voted to Chuse one man more & Chose Doc.t David Wilder
Voted to adjourn this meeting till the 2.d monday
of Sept.r Next at two of Clock in the after noon at the
meeting house in the Second precinct in Lancaster

Hezekiah Gates moderator

Voted to reconsider this meeting and Dismissed Doc.t
David Wilder and Chose Doc.t Thomas Fairbanks a
member of Congress - Voted to adjourn this meeting
till the Second monday of Sept.r Next at two of Clock
in the after noon to the Second precinct in -
Lancaster to the meeting house - - - - -

Hezekiah Gates moderator

Entred by Daniel Robbins Town Clerk -

Lancaster ss Theese are to Notify and warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster that have an Estate of Freehold of Lands within this Province or Territory of Forty Shillings Annum at Least or other Estate to the Value of Forty Pounds Sterling to meet at the meeting house in the Second precinct in in Lancaster on monday the Seventeenth Day of July Instant at two of the Clock in the after noon according to the Advice of the Continental Congress then and there to Elect and to Depute one or more Persons to Represent this Town in a great and General Court or Assembly appointed to be Convened Held and Kept for the Service of the said Colony until the End of the Day next Preceeding the Last Wednesday of may Next if Necessary and no Longer at the meeting House in Watertown upon Wednesday the Nineteenth Day of July Instant to attend the Service of this Colony in the said General Court or Assembly on the Day Above prefixt by Nine of the Clock in the forenoon and so from Day to Day During their Session or Sessions

Dated at Lancaster July ye 3d 1775 —

by Order of the Select men Daniel Robbins Town Clerk

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at a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally warned Held and Kept on monday the Seventeenth Day of July 1775 according to the above warrant — — — — — —

Voted and Chose Capt Hezekiah Gates and mr Ebenezer Allen to Represent the Town this Present year

on an Adjournment of our Late march meeting 1774 to the 26th Day of may and from thence till the 2d monday of Sept.r to the meeting House in the Second Precinct in Sd Town then met and Voted Viz

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to Dismiss the Article of Raising money to be wrought out at High ways and Bridges for y.e present year — — —

Voted to Dismiss the article of Schooling for y.e present year

Voted to Dismiss the Petition of Sam.l Josiah Wilder & others — —

Voted the Town grant & confirm to mr John Prescott and his heirs for ever the Land Containing in the old High Way that Leads from his mill to the River by the Scar as it goes through his Land Viz from or against his mill to Ebenezer Allens Land which is about 4 & Rods he haveing discharged the town of all Damage accrewing to him on account of Laying a New Roade over his Land from his House to Levias Sawyers — — — —

whereas said Town hath this Day voted Granted & Confirmed to me John Prescott the Subscriber the old High way that Leads from my mill to the River by the Scear as it goes through my Land viz from or against my mill to Ebenezer Allens Land which is about 4 & Rods; therefore I the said John Do in Consideration thereof acknowledge to have Recd full Satisfaction for said Towns laying a Road thro my Land agreable to an artiule in the Covant for march meeting A.D 1775 Leading from my House to Levias Sawyers and fully Discharge said Town of all Damages and Demonds accrewing to me on account of the Laying out of the same Road — — — — — John Prescott

attest Ebenezer Bradish — — — — — —

then this meeting was Dismissed Hezekiah Gates moderator

Entred by Daniel Robbins Town Clerk

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on an Adjournment of our Late meeting of Sept.r 5th 1774 that was Adjourned till the 2d monday of Sept.r 1774 to two O Clock in the after noon at the Second Precinct in said Town then met and Adjourned said meeting till the first monday of Nov.r next to the meeting House in the first Precinct in Sd Town at one of the Clock in the after noon — — — — —

Hezekiah Gates moderator

Entred by Daniel Robbins Town Clerk —

On an adjournment of a Lote meeting of September the fifth 1774 from time to time till the first monday of Novr 1774 then met and the moderator being Absent Chose mr Jonathon Fairbank moderator and Voted to Adjourn this meeting till the first monday of January Next to the meeting House in the second Precinct in Said Town at one O Clock in ye afternoon

Jonathon Fairbank moderator

Entred by Daniel Robbins Town Clerk —

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on an adjournment of a Lote meeting of Septr 5th 1774 the Last adjournment from the first monday Novr 1774 to the first Day of January 1776 from time to time then met according to adjournment at time & place then voted to Adjourn this meeting to the first monday of march Next to the meeting House in the first Precinct in Lancaster at three O Clock in the afternoon

Hezekiah Gates moderator

Entred by Daniel Robbins Town Clerk —

[illegible] Name you are Hereby [illegible]
[illegible] the meeting house in the first Precinct
[illegible] the Fourth Day of march
Next at Nine of the Clock in ye forenoon then and
there to act on the following Articles [illegible]
[illegible] Chuse a moderator to govern Said meeting
[illegible] to act on any thing that may come before your
annual meeting or that Purpos
3 Ly. To Grant money to defray the Charges of Said
Town for the Ensuing year
to be Laid out in Repairing the Town Ways & Bridges
Town House money to be worked out
at the Highways and Bridges and Joseph Smith
and Servant

men Daniel Robbins Town Clerk —

at a meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of [illegible]

Voted to accept the Surveyors Record.

Voted to accept the Treasurers Accounts

Voted to accept the Assessors accounts

Voted to choose five Selectmen

[illegible] Daniel Robbins } men

Voted to choose Daniel Robbins Town Clerk

Voted to choose Town Treasurer

Voted to choose Town Assessors for the Town

[illegible] Assessors

[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]

Brought forward

To in favr of Ephraim Carter

To in favr of Joseph Fairbank

To in favr of Gardner Wilder

To in favr of Joseph Moor Junr

To in favr of Elisha White & Jacob Phelps

To in favr of Nathaniel Bemon

To in favr of Nathaniel White

Cyrus Fairbank Credit by orders Brought

Balance Due from said Fairbank to the Town

Wm Dunmon
Ephraim Judge
David Osgood
Samuel Thurlo
Ebenezer

Cyrus Fairbank
Entred by Daniel Robbins Town Clk

Here followeth the Proceeding of the Assessors
of Lunatics for the year 1776 We have
Tax of Four Hundred & Eleven Pounds four

To Nathaniel Allen

To Josiah Bennett

To

To

We have a Tax of three Hundred &

To

To Nathaniel

To Charlestown Prison

To

Vendue Master

arrant
May
ting 1776

Worcester ss -o, ames Kendall Jun one of ye Constables
of ye Town of Lancaster & the other Constables Greeting
In Observance of ye Colony Writ to us Directed these are
in the Name of the Government and People of ye Massachu
setts bay to will and require you Forthwith to warn the
Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster
in your Districts that have an Estate of Freehold in Land
w^t in this province or Territory of forty Shillings pr
Annum at the Least or other Estate to the Value of fifty
Pounds sterling to meet at the meeting house in ye 2d precinct
of Lancaster on monday ye 27th Day of this Instant may at
ten of ye Clock in ye forenoon then and there to Elect
and Depute one or more persons being Freeholders and
Residents in the same Town according to ye Number set
and Limited by an act of ye General Assembly to serve
for and represent them in a great and general Court or
Assembly appointed to be Convened held and Kept for ye
Governments service at the meeting House in Boulerton upon
wednesday ye 29 Day of this Instant may — — —
and make a Return of this warrant and your Doings hereon
to the Select men of said Town at or before ye said Day
given under our hands this thirteenth Day of may 1776

John Prescott
Joseph Kilburn
Samuell Sawtell
Jacob Houghton
Daniell Gibbins
Select men of Lancaster

Entred by Daniel Gibbins Town Clerk

Return of Warrant

Worcester ss In Obedience & Authority I have warned all the
Freeholders and other Inhabitants in ye Town of Lancaster
belonging to my District to meet at time and place as
is set forth in the warrant James Kendall Jun Constable
the other Constables have made their Returns to the same
Entred by Daniel Gibbins Town Clerk

at a meeting Legally warned and held on Monday may
ye 20th 1776 according to warrant to Chuse one or more Representives
for ye Town of Lancaster 1st Voted to Chuse one
2dly It was put to vote to
then Voted to adjourne this above meeting to wednesday Next
to this Place at ten of ye Clock in ye forenoon

on ye 3de monday of may 1776 according to Adjournment
of our late meeting of march 1776 that was adjourned from
time to time till that day then met at time and place
and Adjourned two hours to the same place
then met and voted as follows 1st Voted to
by the Town
Voted to Raise forty pounds to ye use of y^e
Voted to Raise one Hundred & fourscore pounds
Voted to
High Ways & Bridges
Voted to allow the Sedge
sett in ye year 1776
Voted that the Highways
Entred by James Robbins Town

on an adjournment of
to wednesday
Voted to
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Then the meeting
Entred by

Proceedings of may meet 1776

on adjournment of prior meet 1776

Worcester County in the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster

Greeting, In the Name of the People and Authority of the United States You are hereby Notified and Warned to Meet at the Meeting House in the First Parish in Lancaster on the Last Monday of this present September at 9 Clock in the forenoon Then and There to Act on the following Articles

1st To Chuse a Moderator to the Government of Said Meeting

2d To See if the Town will Raise money & hire men to Go into the Service against our Enemies whenever we have Order from the Congress and the Council and Men for that End

3 To See if the Town will Vote to have the Money Ajsessed and Plac'd in a Rate as our other Taxes are Rais'd & Pay Town Charges provided there be a Sum Rais'd for that purpose above mentd

4 To See if the Town will Chuse a Committee to provide men from time to time with Said Money if Sent for — — — and do any thing Relating thereto as the Town shall think proper — — — — —

5 To See if the Town will Allow and Except of the Receipts & Certificate of men that have paid out Money & Gone into the Service against our Enemies that the Town of Lancaster may Lay Each man Draw his Respective Sum or Sums out of the Treasury when said Money is Called — — — —

6 To See if the Town will Come into any Measure Concerning those that have Done & Suffer in this War Longer or Shorter or Hereafter being Sick or Wounded in the Service this being Request of Phin Brantan and others — — — — — —

7 To See if the Town will Chuse a Committee to Draw a Petition to the Next Genl Court Praying a Speedy and Cheap Course for Recovery of Debts — — —

8 To See if the Town will Make Choice of a County Treasurer

9 To See if the Town will Make Choice of a County Register

Dated at Lancaster Sept. 4th 1776.

By Order of the Select Men

Jas. Robbins Clerk

At a Meeting of the Inholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally warn'd, Held and kept at the Each Monday of Sept. 1776. then Met and Acted in the following Manner Viz

Voted and Chos. Dr. Jon. Fairbanks Moderator

Voted & Dismiss'd petition of Thos. Beaman & others that is Set forth in the Warrant to the Chair of Mr. Sumner Esq. to Take Cognizance of Debt. Jon. Fairbanks Moderator

Entered by Dan. Robbins Town Clerk.

providing of the Second Meeting on the Last Monday of Sept. 1776

Worcester County in the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay. To all the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster being free and 21 years of age or upwards, Greeting

In the Name of the people and Authority of the American State you are hereby Notified & warn'd to meet at the Meeting house in the Second Parish in Lancaster on Monday the 16th Day of Sept. 1776 at two o'Clock in the afternoon then and there to Act on the following Articles Viz

1st To chuse a Moderator to govern said Meeting

2dly To see if the Town will vote to send Delegates to the Convention that is to be held at Concord on the first Tuesday of October next, to join with the Delegates of the other Towns in this State, in forming a New Constitution or Form of Government for this State, or to act any other Matter that may be thought necessary when met.

Notification of a Town Meeting 1776

Notification

Worcester County in the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay

To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified as the Law directs — Greeting, In the Name & by the authority of the People and Government of the American State you are hereby Notified & warned to meet at the Meeting house in the Second parish in Lancaster on Monday the 16th Day of Sept. 1776 at 3 o'Clock in the afternoon then and there to Act in the Choice of a Representative & Representation & Representative you in the Gen. Assembly pursuant to a Resolve of the House of Representatives dated Sept. 17 1776

John Prescott
Joel Houghton
Sam. Thurston
} Selectmen of Lancaster

Notification for a Town Meeting 1776

At a Meeting of the Town of Lancaster Legaly warn'd held and kept on Monday Feb.y 5th 1776 then was at meat was 21 years of age upwards that Acted as followeth.

1st Voted y Chuse Lieut Thomas Fairbanks Moderator

2d Voted y the Selectmen shall have ye Power to Call Meetings as often as they shall think proper & to Direct ye Business

3 Voted and Adjourn'd this Meeting to 5 o'clock afternoon then Met accordingly Voted that this Town Impower the present Selectmen to Draw up a Form of Government and Transmit back to this Town for Ratification

Thomas Fairbanks Moderator
Test Dan.l Robbins Town Clerk.

Solution of the inhabitants

At a Meeting of the Town of Lancaster Legaly warn on Monday Feb.y 5th 1776 in Regard of Choosing a Representative &c. Then met and Acted as follows Viz Voted to adjourn this Meeting till half an hour past 5 o'clock in the afternoon then met and Acted as follows Voted to Send one Man to Represent us in the Great and General Court Voted to Send Mr Thomas Sawyer for that purpose

Entred by Dan.l Robbins Town Clerk

1/1 Congress July 4th 1776. A Declaration By the Representatives of the United States of America in General Congress Assembled

When in the Course of human Events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political Bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the Earth, the separate and equal Station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent Respect to the Opinions of Mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these Truths to be Self evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty & the pursuit of Happiness — That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among men deriving their just powers from the Consent of the Governed, that whenever any form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles & organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that Mankind are more disposed to suffer, while Evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of Abuses and Usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a Design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their Duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new Guards for their future Security. Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated Injuries and Usurpations, all having in direct Object the Establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, Let Facts be submitted to a candid World.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good. He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their Operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them. He has refused to pass other Laws for the Accomodation of large Districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the Right of Representation in the Legislature, a Right inestimable to them, and formidable to Tyrants only. He has called together Legislative Bodies at places unusual,

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Unusual, Uncomfortable, and Distant from the Depository of their
public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into Compliance
with his Measures. He has Dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly,
for opposing with manly firmness his Invasions on the Rights of
the people. He has refused for a long space after such Dissolutions
to cause others to be Elected, whereby the Legislative Powers,
incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at Large
for their exercise, the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all
the Dangers of Invasion from without, and Convulsions within.
He has endeavored to prevent the population of these States, for that
purpose obstructing the Laws of Naturalization of Foreigners
refusing to pass others to encourage their Migrations hither,
and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.
He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by Refusing his Assent
to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers. He has made Judges
dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their Offices,
and the amount and payment of their Salaries.
He has erected a Multitude of new Offices, and sent hither
Swarms of Officers to harass our People, and eat out their
Substance. He has kept among us, in times of peace
Standing Armies, without the Consent of our Legislatures.
He has affected to render the Military independent of, and
superior to the Civil power. He has combined with others
to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution
and unacknowledged by our Laws; giving his Assent to their
Acts of pretended Legislation, For quartering large Bodies
of Troops among us, For protecting them by a mock Trial
from punishment for any Murders which they should commit
on the Inhabitants of these States, For cutting off our Trade
with all parts of the World, For imposing Taxes on us
without our Consent, For depriving us in many cases,
of the Benefits of Trial by Jury, For transporting us beyond
Seas to be tried for pretended Offences, For abolishing the free
System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province,
Establishing therein an Arbitrary Government, and enlarging
its Boundaries so as to render it at once an Example and
fit Instrument, for introducing the same absolute Rule into
these Colonies, For taking away our Charters, abolishing our
most Valuable Laws and altering fundamentally the
Forms of our Governments

for suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.
He has abdicated government here, by declaring us out of his protection and waging war against us. He has plundered our seas, ravaged our coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people. He is at this time transporting large armies of foreign mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation, and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of cruelty and perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the head of a civilized nation.
He has constrained our fellow citizens, taken captive on the high seas, to bear arms against their country, to become the executioners of their friends and brethren, or to fall themselves by their hands. He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes & conditions. In every stage of these oppressions we have petitioned for redress, in the most humble terms: our repeated petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people. Nor have we been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our connexions and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, enemies in war, in peace friends.
We therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the name and by the authority of the good people of these colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be free & independent states; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British crown, and that all political connexion between them and the state of Great Britain is and ought to be totally dissolved;

And as a free and Independent States, they have full power to Levy War, conclude peace, Contract Alliances, Establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and things which Independent States may of Right do. And for the Support of this Declaration with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine providence We mutually pledge to Each other our Lives, our fortunes, and our Sacred honour.

Sign'd by Order and in behalf of the Congress

John Hancock, President

Attest. Charles Thompson Secretary

In Council July 19th 1776.

Ordered that the Declaration of Independence be printed, and a Copy Sent to the Ministry of Each parish of Every Denomination within this State and that Generally be Required to Read the same to their Respective Congregations, as Soon as Divine Service is Ended, in the Afternoon, on the first Lord's Day after they shall have Received it. And after such publication Immediately to Deliver the said Declaration to the Clerk of their Several Towns, or Districts, who are hereby Required to Record the Same in their Respective Town, or District Books, there to Remain as a perpetual Memorial thereof.

By the Name and by Order of the Council

P Derby Secry. President

A True Copy Attest John Avery Dep. Secry

Worcester County in the Colony of ye Massachusetts Bay
To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of ye Town
of Lancaster — Greeting —
In the Name of ye People and Authority of the
American States you are hereby Notified and
Warned to meet at ye meeting house in the second
Precinct in Lancaster on monday the sixth
Day of January Next at Ten of ye Clock in ye
Forenoon then and their to Act on ye Following
Articles Viz
1 By To Chuse a moderator to Govern ye meeting
2 By To see if the Town will come into some method
for ye providing men to reinforce the American army
as they shall be Called for from time to time by
Authority in Order for ye Defence of our Ineistemably
Liberties & act on by a Just Assessment according
as others Taxes are made, or some other ways
which shall be most Advantageous to the Publick
in General and for this Town in Particular and in
General to Act and Transact all matters and things
which shall appear for ye peace and prosperity
of this Town — Dated at Lancaster
December ye 20th 1776 by Order of ye
Select men Daniel Robbins Town Clerk
A true Copy Attest Daniel Robbins Town Clerk
A true Copy Attest Daniel Robbins Town Clerk
A true Copy Attest

At a meeting of the Freeholders and others Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally warnd held and kept on on monday January ye 6th 1777

1 By Voted and Chose Mr Ebenezer Allen moderator

then Voted to adjourn this meeting half an hour then meet and acted as followeth Viz ———

Voted to act on ye warrant ———

Voted to Consider what Each man has Done in the war Sence ye 19th of April 1775 and make Proper Allowance to Each man for what he has Done — to this time —

Voted to Chuse a Committee to Estimate what Each man has Done towards ye war Sence ye 19th of April 1775 to this time — and also what they will give a month for the future to Each man

Voted to Chuse a Committe ———

Chose Capt Wm Greenleaf Capt Wm Putnam Samuel Thurston Capt Jonathan Wilder & Caleb Whitney to make ye above Estimation ———

Voted to Adjourn this meeting to ye meeting house in ye 4th precinct in Lancaster to this Day fortnight at twelve O Clock at noon Ebenezer Allen moderator

Entered by Daniel Robbins Town Clerk ——

January ye 20th 1777 then meet according to Adjournment at time and place & proceeded as followeth Viz ———

1 By Voted that the Commission officers be excluded from having any bounty from ye Town ———

2 By Voted to accept the Estimation of ye Committee

3 By Voted to Chuse a Committee to Receive the Certificates of those that have Done Service

4 By Voted that the Commission officers & a Committee to Receive the Differant Certificates & Report of ye men in Service

it was voted to Adjourn this presgint meeting to ye meeting house in the Second parrish in Lancaster the Eight Tuesday in Feb^r Next at one O Clock in ye afternoon Ebenezer Allen moderator

Entred by Daniel Robbins Town Clerk — —

According to Adjournment of our Late meeting then meet at time and place & Acted as followeth Viz^t Voted that those persons that Belongeth to Rutter's of ye Company's in Lancaster that have Omitted bringing in their Certificates & Receipt at this time Shall be Entitled to Lay their Severals Certificates & Receipts before the Respective officers — Voted not to Raise a sum of money to Incoriage ye Soldiers to go into ye Servi according to the Committee Estimation Drown up by the Chose for that purpos Then Voted to Dysolve the meeting

Ebenezer Allen moderator

Entred by Daniel Robbins Town Clerk

Worcester County in the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay to the freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster ..... Greeting

In the name of the people and Authority of the American States you are hereby Notified and warned to meet at the meeting house in the first Precinct in Lancaster on monday the third day of march next at ten of the Clock in the fourenoon then and there to Act on the following Articles Viz^t

Warrant for March Meeting for 1777

1. To Chuse a moderator to Governe said meeting
2. To Chuse town officers for the year ensuing it being your Annual meeting
3. To grant money for to defray the Charges of said town for the ensuing year
4. To See how much money the town will Grant for Schooling
5. To See if the town will raise money to be worked out at highways & bridges and How much or transact any thing thereto
6. To See if the town will Chuse a Committee of Correspondance & a Committee of Inspection for the town of Lancaster or any other Committee as shall be Thought Necessary for the Town

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you are) Iequir'd to bring in your Votes for a County Treasurer

To See if the Town will allow the Selectmen Interest for the money that they Were obliged to hire to pay the Soldiers their Bounty money till they Could Get Out of the treasury of the State of the massachusetts Bay. Dated at Lamaster Feby 12th 1777. By order of the Selectmen. Danuel Robbins Town Clerk

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arrant for March
eeting

Worcester ss March 3^{d} 1777 I have Warn'd the free holders & other Inhabitants to
Meet at Time & place Attending to the Warrant by posting up a Copy of the Same
At Each meting house in Said town fourteen Days before Said meting by
Order of the Selectmen

Danuel Robbins Town Clerk

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Town Meeting
arch 3 1777

At a meting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lamaster Legally
Warned held on monday March 3^{d} 1777

1. Voted and Chose Ebenezer Allen Moderator to Govern Said meting
2. Voted to Accept of the Selectmen Accounts
3. Voted to Accept the Assessors Accounts
4. Voted to Chuse Five Selectmen
5. Voted & Chosen ..... Capt Ephraim Wilder
Capt Wm Greenleaf
Capt Solomon Sewall
Capt Samuel Sawyer
Nathaniel Bowman
} Selectmen for Lamaster
6. Voted & Chosen Capt Wm Greenleaf Town Clerk
7. Voted & Chosen Cyrus Fairbank Town Treasurer
8. Voted & Chosen Jonas Wyman Constable for the North Side of the Ed. precinct
9. Voted & Chosen Capt Benjamine Houghton Constable on the other Side Said precinct
10. Voted & Chosen David Sewall Constable on the north Side in the Second precinct
11. Voted & Chosen Thos. Brooks Constable on the South Side Said precinct in Lamaster
12. Voted & Chosen ..... Josh. Osgood
Ruben Lippingwell
Jonathan Phillips
Nathaniel White
Manasah Wilder
Elisha Albert
Jamis Wilder Junr
Levi Wilder
} Heigh Way Surveyors for the First precinct in Lamaster
13. Voted & Chosen ..... Ebenezer Bush
Jonath Moor
Obediah Grout
Nathaniel Houghton
Ebenezer Brooks
Ephraim Prosper
John Palmer
} Heigh Way Surveyors for the Second precinct in Lamaster
14. Voted & Chosen ..... William Phelps
Timothy Cheny
Josiah Houghton
Jabez Brooks
} Field Driverss in Lamaster
15. Voted & Chosen ..... David Horley
Cyrus Fairbank
Jonathan Whitcomb
Jonathan Wilder
} Fence Viewers in Lamaster

16 Voted & Chose ... Samuel Wilder
... Ebenezer Bush } Cullers of Staves in Lamaster
17 Voted & Chose ... Jabez Brooks
... Cyrus Fairbank } Sealers of Leather in Lamaster
18 Voted & Chose ... Elijah Houghton
... Josiah Gray } Beer Tasters in Lamaster
19 Voted & Chose ... Josiah Lewis
... Isaac Moor
... John Phelps
... Cyrus Fairbank } Wardens in Lamaster
20 Voted & Chose ... Michah Northam
... John Phelps } Fish Tasters in Lamaster
21 Voted & Chose ... Jonathan Whiting
... Josiah Theobald Hurd } Sealers of Boards & Shingles in Lamaster
22 Voted & Chose ... Ebenezer Bass
... William Sewall } Fire Wards
23 Voted & Chose ... Ephraim Willard
... John Whitcomb Junr
... Herman Thindall
... William Bass
... Nathaniel Willard
... Simon Willard } Tything Men in Lamaster
24 Voted & Chose ... Thomas Gates ... Sealer of Weights & measures
25 Voted to adjourn the third forth & fifth Articles of the warrant to the Eleventh of this Instant
26 Voted to Chuse a Committee on the Sixth Article of the Warrant According to said Warrant
27 Voted to adjourn this meeting to Tuesday the Eleventh Day of this Instant march to the meeting House in the Second precinct in said town at nine of the Clock in the forenoon

Ebenezer Allen Moderator
A true Copy - Attest - William Lyon Sewall Town Clerk

Proceedings of the Adjournment of March meeting 1771

By an Adjournment of the town meeting held on monday the 3 day of March 1777 to Tuesday the Eleventh day of the said march to meet at the meeting house in the Second Precinct in Lamaster at nine of the Clock in the forenoon and the town being met Accordingly, Voted as follows (Viz).

1 Voted & Chose a Committee of Correspondance & Safety of Five persons for the town
2 Voted & Chose Col. Asa Whitcomb
... Capt. Thomas Gates
... Joshua Fletcher
... Elisha Allen
... Jabez Fairbank } As a Committee of Correspondance & Safety in Lamaster

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Proceedings of the Adjournment of March meeting 1777

Voted to pray the necessary Expenses of the Above Committe

Voted & Chosen Capt Wm Greenleaf Confessor of the Sick in said Town

Voted to raise ninety pounds to defray Town Charges

Voted to raise one hundred & four pounds to support the Town Schools in said Town

Voted to raise one hundred & fifty pounds to be worked out at Bridge & high way in said Town

Voted that the labour for high way this present year shall be according to the Town Estimation

Incompliance with the warrant from the Justices of the Inferiour Court of the County of Worcester the Selectmen have mixed a Vision of said Warrant with the Votes of said Town

Voted that the Selectmen for the year 1776 should be allowed Interest for the money they Hired to pay the Soldiers their Bounty money

Voted & Chosen Josiah Newhall Junr Cutter of Staves & Shingles in the room of Josiah Kendall Junr

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the third monday of may next at the meeting house in the first precinct in Lancaster at one of the Clock in the afternoon

Ebenezer Allen Moderator

A true Copy Attest Wilt Greenleaf Town Clerk

Presidential of the Town of Lancaster 1777

Lancaster Febr 28 1777

Here Follows an Account of the presidentials of the Town of Lancaster With Cyprus Fairbank Town Treasurer Cyprus Fairbank Town Treasurer to the Town of Lancaster Dr

For the ballance due as appears on book For the year 1776		£ 1197.0.0½
For the Cash that remains due to said Treasurer from the Several Constables For the year 1776	}	111.1.0
		£ 636.0.0½

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By Subsidy Orders Drawn by the Selectmen on said Treasurers		£
Ditto in Favour of Nathaniel Wilbird		£ 3.2.3
Ditto in Favour of Willm Sewell		3.6.8
Ditto in Favour of Alethea Phelps		3.0.2
Ditto in Favour of Timothy Knight		2.8.—
Ditto in Favour of Abijah Wyman		16.7
Ditto in Favour of Ruth Sepprenell		7.4.7
Ditto in Favour of Nath Bearman		3.8.6½
Ditto in Favour of John Hanchet		13.10
Ditto in Favour of Nath Wilbird Esq		2.1.6
Ditto in Favour of Nath Wright		20.3.—
Ditto in Favour of Daniel Robbins		2.8.—
Ditto in Favour of David Osgood		12
Ditto in Favour of Daniel Robbins		12
Ditto in Favour of David Sewell		18
Ditto in Favour of Sam Sawyer Jun		1.16.—
Ditto in Favour of Asa Rugg		1.2.6
Ditto in Favour of David Osgood		24.9
Ditto in Favour of Timothy Haywood		11.4
Ditto in Favour of Jonath Whiting		16.1
Ditto in Favour of Ephraim Roper		2.5.—
Ditto in Favour of Josiah Fairbank		1.6.—
Ditto in Favour of Obediah Grout		16.—
Ditto in Favour of Josiah moor		19.8½
Ditto in Favour of Samuel Wilder		20.—
Ditto in Favour of Thomas Fairbank		9.5.—
Ditto in Favour of Abigal Sawyer		1.2.—
Ditto in Favour of Thomas Brooks		2.17.8
Ditto in Favour of David Osgood		20.—
Ditto in Favour of Abigal Longavelle		6.8
Ditto in Favour of Josiah Wyman		10
Ditto in Favour of Ephraim Sawyer Junr		1.10.—
Carried up	£	149.18.3

Sums brought up ..... £149..18..3

Prudentials of the Town of Lamaster 1777

By an Order in favour of Josiah Winn ..... 14..13..2
Ditto ... in favour of Wm Tenderwin ..... 3..14
Ditto ... in favour of Ebenezer Allen 6
Ditto ... in favour of Wm Dunsmore ..... 3..6..9
Ditto ... in favour of Sam.ll Thurston ..... 2..7..2
Ditto ... in favour of Ebenezer Allen ..... 3..10
Ditto ... in favour of Sam.ll Thurston 6
Ditto ... in favour of Wm Dunsmore 18
Ditto ... in favour of Joseph. Carter 18
Ditto ... in favour of Sam.ll Thurston 12
Ditto ... in favour of Josiah Weber ..... 3..13..6
Ditto ... in favour of Cyrus Fairbanks ..... 6..10
Ditto ... in favour of Nathaniel Sawyer 16
Ditto ... in favour of Cyrus Fairbank 12
Ditto ... in favour of Cyrus Fairbanks ..... 5..2..11
Ditto ... in favour of Thomas Gates ..... 1..11
Ditto ... in favour of Thomas Gates ..... 1..6
Ditto ... in favour of Peter Sartwell ..... 2..2½
Ditto ... in favour of Joseph. moor Junr. ..... 3..18
Ditto ... in favour of Joel.a Houghton ..... 11..10
Ditto ... in favour of Joseph. Weber ..... 1..9
Ditto ... in favour of Sam.ll Thurston ..... 3..4..7
Ditto ... in favour of John.a Brooks Junr. ..... 1..4

209..15..7½

Cash due to Ballance from Cyrus Fairbank Town Treasurer for Lamaster ..... 126..5..11½

£636..0..8¾

John Prescott, Samuel.a Thurston, Joseph. Wilburn, Joel.a Houghton, Barnabas Bobbin — Selectmen for Lamaster

Attest. Wm Greenleaf Town Clerk

Lamaster Febuary the 26th 1777

Prudentials of the Town of Lamaster 1777

Note: Followeth an Account of the Prudentials of the Town of Lamaster for the year 1776. the assessors of said town have made a tax of 4d for the State of the massachusett Bay of New hampshire and Seventy pounds five shillings & four pence for the town of Lamaster & middlesex & the same Committed them to the Several Constables hereafter mentioned

To ..... Gardener Weber ..... £295..8..6
To ..... James Kendall Junr. ..... 260..6..11½
To ..... James Richardson ..... 236..1..9½
To ..... Jonas. Wyman ..... 178..8..8

£970..5..1

The assessors have Made a tax of one hundred & forty four pounds Granted by said Town and Likewise a County tax of twenty five pounds four Shilling & four pence the whole List of the same & Committed the Same to the Several Constables to Collect with warrants for the same.

To ..... Gardiner Weber ..... £..81..12..9¾
To ..... James Kendall Junr. ..... 46..11
To ..... James. Richardson ..... 41..13..6
To ..... Jonas. Wyman ..... 31..6..4

£169..13..6¾

Out of the £145..0..11 we have Directed said Kendall to pay the County treasurer £..23..4..4¾

Cyrus Fairbank, Caleb. Whitney, Nathaniel. Beamans, Jonath. moor — assessors for the Town of Lamaster

Attest. Wm Greenleaf Town Clerk

Precedentials of the Towns of Lancaster 1777

Lancaster May 5th 1776. We have made a tax of two hundred pounds Granted to be worked out at high way & Bridges at our meeting last march and made an assessment of the Town of Lancaster and delivered Lists to the Surveyors in Said Towne with Warrants to gather or worke out the Same. . . . .

Cyrus Fairbank, Scrafe Moor, Caleb Whiting } assessors for the Towne of Lancaster

Nathaniel Beaman } assessors for the Towne of Lancaster

Attest. . . . Wm Greenleaf Town Clerk

Regulating 1777

The Selectmen & Committee for the town of Lancaster having mett agreeable to the order Of the Generall Court provided to Sett the prices of the Necessary & Convenient Articles of Life as follows (Viz)

Farming labour in the Summer Season		Mowing & Raping for a Night or Six hours work	
June July & August	3/ p day	English hay 45/ p for a yoake of Oxen Same	
September	2/6 p day	Manner as the Hors	1/3
October & November	1/10	Teaming Work 1/6 for Every four Weights mile	
December January & February	1/6	Milk in Summer Spring & fall	1/ Quart
March & April	1/10	English Hay of the best Quality in the winter	
May	2/6	And Spring	2/ p hundred
Wheat good Merchantable	6/8 p bushl	And in Likly time	2/
Rye Merchantable	4/	All other Hay in proportion	
Indian Corn good	3/	Good Merchantable white pine boards fell	
Sheep[illegible] worke good	2/ p pound	For fattening	30/ a thousand
Pork fresh well fatted	4d	Rich pine for	26/ & other boards 16
Ditto Salte without bone	5d	Superior Kind in proportion	
Beef grass fed	2d	Shoeing a horse rough Stealing	6/
Ditto Stall	3d	Shoeing one yoke of Oxen Steele	11/
Pare Hides	5d	Good narrow ax well Steeled	10/6
Calves Skins	6	And all other Smithing in proportion	
Salte according to Court Acts	10/ p bushl	Carpentry House Joiners & masons each	
Rum Sugar molasses Grocketts		A Horse 3/ p day	
And Coffee according to Court Acts		To keeping & boarding a man 1 day[illegible] finding	
Cheese good new milk	6d p pound	Good washing & Lodging 6/	
Butter by the Single pound	9d	Dinner Supper & Lodging 1/ & all other	
Peas good & Cleane	6/8 p bushel	Meals in proportion	3d
Beans	5/	Lodging one Night	3d
Potatoes in Winter & Spring	1/6	Shoes made of New England Leather p man	
2 bushels at all other Seasons in proportion		Ditto after a Leather p man	
Good Stocking mens Yarne	6/ a pair	Shoes made of Westindia Leather p man	
Shoes according to Court Acts	8/	To Cutting out a many Coats	10
Pork & beef Salte by the barrell as directed By Court Acts		To Do Jackett & breches	5
		Making a mans Coate Lined & fully trimmed	4/
Cotton & Calas See Court Act		Making a mans Jackett with Sleeves	3/6
Shoes for women ware Either Cloth or Leather	5/8 a pair	Making Do Cloth breeches	14
		Making Do Buckskin Do	6/
Flaxe Good well dressed	1/ p pound	And all other Tayloring in proportion	
Tow Cloth good yard wide	2/3 p yard	To one good Oaken mead of Cherry sted	L3.10/
Ranicle Good yard wide	3/6	To one Case of Drawers	L4
And all other Widths in proportion		Common Coloured Chairs 3/ a peice	
Good yard wide all wool Cloth Striped		One Four foot Table	L1.11/ & all other Sizes
Or Check	3/ p yard	Joinery in proportion	
Red all other Widths in proportion		Spinning yarne warp wool 2d	a skaine
Good blue wool Cloth well fulled dyed		Spinning filling fine Do	2d
Dressed 3/4 yard Wide	3/ p yard	Spinning Linnen & Skaine yarne	1/ Knotty
And all other fulled Cloth in proportion		Do	4d a Skaine
Wood good & Cleane delivered at the buyers		And all other Spinning in proportion	
Door Eight feet Long	6/ p Load	To weaving work of Good wool Linning	4d a yard
Good Clapboards delivered at the Shop		And all other weaving in proportion	
Door	3d a bushell	To making mens Shoes at their Shops	3/
Tanned Hides	4/3 p pound	To Do Womens	2/3 a pair
Curried Leather in usual proportion		To Shoeing Shoes for men finding all	2/
Cotton Cloth According to Court Acts		To Ditto women	1/3 a pair
Mutton & Veale	3d p pound	And all other making & mending in proportion	
Lamb under Six month old	2d p pound	Bricks well burnt Common Sort	15/ a Thousand
Wheat Flour Manufactured in		Barrels Hhds & best Hhds	25/ a Thousand
Ship Stuff	20/ p hundred	And all other Cooper Stave in proportion	
Imported Flour According to Court Acts		To a hand barrel	4/ Sup Do
Milk in the Winter	2d p Quart	To making a pair of Cart Wheels	L1.6/8
		To a good Iron plough	6/ & other Ploughs in proportion

To a good Sive comp. Compleat with bayonett &c ... Shas 1 6d fitt for ord. Mills 3/6 if bur shells
And all other Guns Smithing in proportion ... Shas 1 6d fitt for Serving if bur shells
A Good waste mode Mare (Sadle) £2.10/ ... Good barley Mault 1/6 p bushell
A Good bridle with Common bitt 6/ ... Good Rye 2d 1/6 2d
And all other Saddlers work in proportion ... Grammer Schools master £2 p month
Iron hollow ware @ 3d p pound ... Good pair boots mad of neat leather &c
Hard ware & Sadle other cast Iron Ware in proport. Good woole Hatts 8/
Good 2d 6d or 8/ p bunch ... Good tryed Tallow 2d p pound
To a yoke of Oxen one day in Summer 1/6 ... Brought Tallow 3d 2d
To a draft Horse one day in Summer 1/ ... Riding Horse 2d p mile
And both in proportion in other Seasons of the year ... A Woman to spine by the week 3/
Hemp nells dressed & spunn ... Doctors fees Vomits & purges 1/ to 2/
Sawing pine boards & Chesnutt 1/ p thousand ... miles travell & Jurney forth & Visits 2d
D.o Oake 1/ D.o 1/ D.o ... Vials other Corking & Sine in proportion
And all other Sawing in proportion ... Good oak or pine planks three Inch thick
£4: a thousand ...

A true Copy Sign'd by Joseph Thilburne Daniel Robbins Josh. Houghton Samuel Sherburne Jonathan Wilder Ebenezer Allen Wm Dunsmore Cyrel Fairbanks Joshua Fletcher Josiah Rendall Junr and Jabez Fairbanks Selectmen & Committe

For the town of Lamaster ... Lancaster Sept 28th 1775

Examined & Elected by me ... Wm Greenleaf Town Clerk

Worcester ss To Jonas Wymans one of the Constables of the town of Lamaster & The other Constables ... Greeting

In Observation and Observance of the Colony wrote to us Directed these are in the name of the Government and people of the Massachusetts Bay to will and Require you forthwith to warn the freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the town of Lamaster In your district that have an estate Of freehold in land within this province or State or territory of forty shilling p Annum at least or other Estate to the Value of fifty pound Sterling to meet at the Meting house in the first precinct in Lamaster on the third monday of this Instant May which is will be on the nineteenth day of said month at two of The Clock in the fournoon (Viz)

1st 1. There and their to Elect and depute one or more persons being freeholders and Residents in the Same town according to the number Set and limited by an act Of the General Assembly to Serve for and represent them in a great and General Court or assembly appointed to be Convened and held and kept for the Government Served at the State house in boston in the County of Suffolk Upon Wednesday the twenty Eighth day of may next ensuing the date hereof and Make a Return of this warrant and your doings herein to the Selectmen of said town at or before the said day

2d 2. To See if the town will discontinues or accept Roads or act on any thing Relating There to

3d 3. To See if the town will allow to Nathaniel Willard Junr the Rates of abel Wymans Samuel Dickinson Russells Knight Mark Heard Jonathan White Moses Redmans Solomon Willard & Johne Priest

4th 4. To See if the town will allow the Committe for Shooting in Walnut Swamp The Sume of three pound Eight Shillings & three pence for Money not Recvd Through mistake in drawing the order for that Sd Swamp ... Given

Under our hands and Seals this ninth day of may instant 1775

Ephraim Wilder
William Greenleaf
Solomon Sawtell
} Selectmen of Lamaster

By Order of the Selectmen

Wm Greenleaf Town Clerk

Return of Warrant for 19th May meeting the 19th 1775

Return of the Warrant for May meeting May 13th 1777

Worcester ss. in the name to Mr Holly I have warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the first precinct in Lunenburg to meet at time & place as set forth in the Warrant — Tomas Wyman Constable

The other Constables have made there returns to the same purport

Wm Greenleaf Town Clerk

Lunenburg May 13th 1777

Proceedings of May meeting May 19 1777

Lunenburg May 19th 1777 At a Legal meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the towne of Lunenburg Regularly assembled to Vote in towne affairs for the Choice of a person or persons to Represent the said towne in a Great and General Court To be held at boston in the State house on the twenty Eighth day Instant May (Viz)

1st Voted and Chose Wm Greenleaf unanimously Esqr to Represent the town of Lunenburg this present year

2d Voted to Impower Wm Greenleaf unanimously Esqr to Act and Assist the Counsel & General Assembly now Drawing up a form of Government for the State of the Massachusetts bay Agreable to Court orders

3d Voted to Chuse a Committe to give Wm Greenleaf unanimously Esqr instructions in the General Court To Remove the Error in the prompt in fifty pounds in Stead of forty pounds, & Repeale the Unequal Representation in Regard of Representation in the State of the Massachusetts bay

4th Voted & Chose Col Asa Whitcomb Wm Greenleaf & Capt Thomas Fairbanks as the Above Committe it Consists of three persons

Ephraim Wilder
William Greenleaf
Samuel Sawyer
Solomon Jewett
Nathaniel Beaman
} Selectmen of Lunenburg

Attest Wm Greenleaf Town Clerk

Proceedings of the Adjournment of May meeting 1777

Lunenburg May 19th 1777 By an Adjournment of the town meeting held on Monday The Eleventh day of March 1777 to monday the 19th of may to meet at the meeting house for the first precinct in Lunenburg at one of the Clocke in the afternoone and the Town being met accordingly Voted as Followes (Viz)

1st Voted to Adjourne this meeting till two of the Clock to this place — those precluded to busines

2d Voted to discontinue the Road leading to Land that was Nathaniel Wilders Senr as far as it was layd out on land of Capt Thomas Fairbanks Layd out March the 3 1747/8

3d Voted to allow Capt Thomas Fairbanks the land he laid out as a Road leading to the Land of Nathaniel Wilder for part of Eighty Rods of land that belongs to Capt Fairbanks Reading leading to the Meting house in the Second precinct in Said Lunenburg

4th Voted to allow Abel Wyman Samuel Buckminster Russell Wright Moses Wadmore John Priest Water to Nathaniel Willard Just

5th Voted to Excuse Benjamine Houghton from Serving as Constable this present year for the South Side of the River

6th Voted & Chosen Joseph Carter Constable in the Room of Benjamine Houghton Excused

7th Voted to Adjourne this meting untill the ninth day of June at one of the Clocke in the afternoone at the meting house in the Second precinct in Lunenburg

Ebenezer Allen Moderator

Lunenburg May 19 1777 A True Copy Attest Wm Greenleaf Town Clerke

Proceedings of the Adjournment of May meeting 1777

Lunenburg June 9th 1777 by an Adjournment of the towne meting held on monday the nineteenth day of May 1777 to monday the Ninth day of June to meet at the meeting house in the Second precinct in Lunenburg at one of the Clock in the afternoon and the Town being met Accordingly Voted as Followes (Viz)

1st Voted to accept of Ebenezer Allens as Constable in the Room of Joseph Carter for the present year

2d Voted to Dissolve this present meeting — Ebenezer Allen Moderator

Lunenburg June 9 1777 — A True Copy attest — Wm Greenleaf Town Clerke

Warrant for town meeting June 30th 1777

Worcester ss To Jonas Wyman one of the Constables of the town of Lancaster and the other Constable ---

Greeting ---

In Obedience to Orders lately received from the General Assembly of the State of the Massachusetts Bay ... these are therefore in the Name of the Government and People of the Massachusetts Bay To will and Require you forthwith to warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster in your District that are Qualified by law to Vote in Town affairs to Meet at the meeting House in the Second precinct in Lancaster one hour before the Time of the Day of this Instant June at one of the Clock in the afternoon (Viz)

1st To Chuse a Moderator to Govern Said meeting ---

2d To Chuse three five or seven persons to See that the Monopoly and oppression act be Duly Executed and put in force ---

3d To act on a Resolve of the General Assembly respecting and securing this and the other United States against the Danger to which they are Exposed by the Internal Enemies Thereof ... and to Elect Some proper persons to Collect Such Evidence against Such Persons as Shall be deemed by Authority as Dangerous persons to this and the other United States of America ... you are directed to make due Returns of your doings hereon on the Second Thursday to the Selectmen at one of the Clock in the afternoon ---

Given under our hands and Seals this twenty Sixth day of this instant June one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Seven

Ephraim Wilder
Wm Greenleaf
Sam.l Sawyer
Solomon Sawith
Nathaniel Sawyer
} Selectmen of Lancaster

By order of the Selectmen Wm Greenleaf Town Clerk

Worcester ss in Obedience to Authority I have Warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the first precinct in my District in Lancaster to meet at time and place as Set forth in the Warrant ---

Jonas Wyman Constable

Return of Warrant for June meeting 28th 1777

The other Constables have Made their Returns to the Same purport

Lancaster June 28th 1777

Wm Greenleaf Town Clerk

Proceedings of Second meeting in June 30th 1777

At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster Legally warned, Held on Monday the Thirtieth Day of June 1777 - to Vote town affairs (Viz) ---

1st Voted and Chose Capt Jonathan Wilder Moderator

2d Voted to Chuse five persons as a Committee to See that the Monopoly and oppression act be Duly put in force ---

3d Voted and Chose Eben.r Sawyer Jonathan Whitney Coll.o Ephraim Sawyer Levi Nourse & Capt Jonathan Wilder as the above Committee ---

4th Voted and Chose Coll.o Asa Whitcomb to Collect Evidence against Such persons as Shall be Deemed as Internal Enemies to this State ---

5th Voted Nine persons Daniel Sawyer Ezra Houghton Joseph Moor Solomon Houghton as Dangerous persons and Internal Enemies to this State ---

6th Voted to Adjourn this meeting till the first monday in Sept next at one o'clock in the afternoon at the meeting House in the first precinct in Lancaster ---

Jonathan Wilder moderator

Wm Greenleaf Town Clerk

Lancaster Sept. 1. 1777 by and adjournment of the town Meting held on Monday the thirteenth Day of June 1777 to Monday the first Day of Sept. to Meet at the Meting House in the first Precinct in Lancaster at one of the Clock In the after noon — and the town being met accordingly Voted as followeth (Viz) — — — — — —

V.d Voted to adjourn this Meting until the twelfth Day of this Instant Sept. at one of the Clock in the afternoon at the Meting House in the first Precinct in Lancaster

Jonathan Wilder Moderator

Will.m Greenleaf Town Clerk

Proceedings of Town Meting in Sept. 1777

Lancaster Sept. 12 1777 by an adjournment of the town Meting held on Monday the 12.th Day of Sept. to Meet at the Meeting House in the Second Precinct in Lancaster at one oclock in the after noon — and the town being met accordingly Voted as followeth (Viz) — — — — — — — — —

1.st Voted that Nath.l Beaman Stand Clerk for this meting

2.d Voted that Sho.h Grant Stand on the Black List — —

3.d Voted that James Carter Stand on the Black List as a Dangerous person and an Internal Enemie to this State — —

4.th Voted that the Reverend Timothy Harrington be added to said List

5.th Voted that the Selectmen return a List of those Dangerous Persons to the Clerk and he to the Justices of the Quorum as Soon as may be

6.th Voted to adjourn this Meting till the first Monday in Nov.r at the first Precinct in Lancaster at one oclock in the afternoon at the Meting House

Jonathan Wilder Moderator

Nath.l Beaman Clerk

Warrant for Town Meting

Worcester ss. To Mr. James Wyman Constable of the town of Lancaster Greeting — — — — — —

In the name and by authority of the People of the State of the Massachusetts Bay. You are hereby required forthwith to warn all the Inhabitants and freeholders in your Destrict Qualified to Vote in Town affairs to Meet at the Meting House in the first precinct in Lancaster on Tuesday the twenty third Day of this Instant Sept. at Nine oclock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles (Viz) — —

1.st to Chuse a Moderator to Govern Said Meeting. —

2.d to Chuse a town Clerk as the town Clerk is absent —

3d To See if the town will Reconsider any Vote or Votes that were Passed at a town Meeting that was held by an adjournment from June ye 30. 1777 to Sept.r 9th 12th and to act or transact any thing Relateing Said Meeting — given under our hands and Seale this twenty Second Day of Sept. 1777 — — — —

you are to Make Return of this warrent with your Doings heirin to us the Subscribers by the 23d Day of this Instant Sept. at Nine oclock in the forenoon — — —

this 3d article was the Petition of John Sprague and others — — — { Opht.r Wilder, Saml. Sawyer, Nath.l Beaman } Selectmen of Lancaster

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6th Cy
1777

Voted that Daniel Allens Name be not Returned on the Black List to a Justice bill after the Next town Meeting - - - - -

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting till the Last monday in Nov.r at one oclock in the afternoon at the Meeting House in the Second Precinct in Lancaster - - - - - -

Jonathan Wilder Moderator
Nath.l Beaman Town Clerk

Lancaster Nov.r 1777 By adjournment of Town Meeting from the first Monday in Nov.r Instant to this time the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster Qualified to Vote in town Affairs being Met at the Meeting House in the in the Second Precinct in Lancaster at one oclock in the after noon

Voted that Daniel Allens Name be taken from the Black List - - - - -

Worcester ss: In Obedience to the within Warrant I have warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitants in My Deffenct to Meet at the time and Place within Mentioned — — — — — — — — — Tho.s Brooks } a Constable of Lancaster

The Other Constables have made three Returns to the Same Purport — — — — — — — — — — — —

Attest Nath.l Beaman Town Clerk — — — — — —

Return of the Warrant for Town meeting in Nov.r 1777

Lancaster Nov.r 24.th 1777 at a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Qualified to Vote in Town affairs held on Monday the 24.th Day of Nov.r — at the meeting house in the Second Precinct Lancaster at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following artic.s

1.st Voted and Chose M.r Ebenezer Allen Moderator — — — — —

2.d Voted to See if the Town will be agreable to it to Except of an act of this State in Regard of Putting Large Sums of Money of the bills of Credit Emitted by this State on Intrest — and it Passed in the Negative —

3.d Voted to Chuse a Committee to Draw up a greivence of Said act —

4.th Voted to Chuse five men for the above Committee —

5.th Voted that Coll.o Asa Whitcomb M.r John Prescott M.r Fradrick Albert M.r Jonathan Fairbank and Dea.r Tho.s Fairbank be the above Committee — — — — — — —

6.th Voted to adjourn this meeting till 3 o'clock this Day —

7.th Voted to accept the Committees Report — — — — — —

Which is as Followeth — This Town Taking into Consideration the Late act made for Putting Large Sums of the bills of Credit Emitted by this State on intrest on or before the fifst Day of December Next and for Sinking in the hands of the Possesors all Sums Less than ten Pounds Excepting those bills Less than one Dollar — Therefore We this town Selectmen are Clearly of opinion that Said act in Connection with a Tax we understand is Soon to Come out is a greivence we Look upon greater than to Sink Said Money by a Tax or Taxes as the People are Able to Bare — and Further we Look upon it Very Extraordinary that Said Court Should Lay a Fine on the Tendering Money When at the Same time the face of Said bill Saith it Shall be of Such Value and Rec.d in all Payments — — — Therefore Resolved to Petition Said Court for Redress of Said Agrevence — — — — Asa Whitcomb Chairman of Com.tee

Turn over

Proceedings of Town Meeting 6th Forward

Voted that the above Committee Draw a Petion and Lay before the Court - - -

Warrant for March meeting 1778

Worcester ss. In the name of the goverment and People of the Massachusetts Bay - - - - - - -
To the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster that are Legally Qualified to Vote in Town affairs - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Greeting
you are Required and Directed to meet at the Meeting house in the Second Precinct in Lancaster on Monday the Second Day of March next at nine o'clock in the forenoon to Vote in town affairs viz

1st ly to Chuse a Moderator for the goverment of Said Meeting
2nd ly To Chuse town officers for Said town for the year Ensuing it being your Annual Meeting for that Purpose
3rd ly to grant money to Defray the Charges for the Ensuing year of Said Town - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

Return of the Warrant for March Meeting 1778

Worcester ss March 2 1778 I have Warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster Qualified to Vote in town affairs to meet at time and place mentioned in this warrant by Posting up Warrants at Each meeting house fourteen Days Before hand— Nath.l Beaman Town Clerk

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Proceedings of March Meeting 1778—

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster Legally warned and held on Monday March the Second 1778— Voted as followeth— (Viz)—

1.st Chose Mr. Ebenezer Allen Moderator to govern ye Meeting

2.d Voted to allow the Selectmen account

3.d Voted to Chuse five Selectmen for the Present year

4.th Chose Nath.l Beaman Capt. Will.m Putnam Levi moor Israel Moor Gershom Flagg Selectmen

5.th Chose Nath.l Beaman Town Clerk

6.th Chose Cyrus Fairbank Town Treasurer

7.th Chose Will.m Kendall Jonas Fairbank Constables for the first Precinct

8.th Chose Jonathan Bailey Telley Richardson Constables for ye 2.d Precinct

9.th Chose John Robbins, Benjamin Houghton, Joseph.s Fairbanks, Roger Robbins — Wardens

Jonas Wyman, Cyrus Fairbank, Saml Houghton, Thos Brooks — Field Drivers

A. Gardner Wilder, Aaron Johnson, James goodwin, Ephraim Wyman, John Carter, Stephen Wilder, Sam.l Thurston, Telley Moor — Highway Surveyors for the first Precinct

Joshua Fletcher, Ezekiel Kendall, Nathan Farrer, Thos Bennitt — Fence Viewers

Jonathan Wilder, Nath.l Beaman — Sallers of Staves

Jabez Brooks, Cyrus Fairbank — Sealers of Leather

Oliver Bowers, Jabez Fairbanks, James Kendall Jun.r, James Houghton, Oliver Fairbanks, David Jewett, Herman Kendall, Ephr.m Wilder — Highway Surveyors for the Second Precinct

Moses Sawyer, Joseph Garey — Beer Viewers

Elisha White, Micah Harthen — Fish Viewers

John Wheelock, Dan.l Muggridge, Herman Kendall, Moses Newhall — Tything men

Thos gates Sealer of Weights and Measurs

10.thly Voted to Chuse five men for a Committee

11.thly Voted to Chuse Capt. Jonathan Wilder Jonathan Fairbank
Elijha White Capt. Benjamin Houghton Eph.m Wm Adsen } a Committee

12.thly Voted to adjourn the third and fourth article of the warrant
till May Meeting - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

13.thly Voted Raise Three hundred Pounds to be worked at
highways and Bridges - - - - - - - - - - - - -

14.thly Voted to Double the Price of Labour for men oxen and
Utensils at work at highways to what it was Last year

15.thly Voted to adjourn this meeting to the third Monday
of May Next at the Meeting house in the first
Precinct in Lancaster at 12 oclock

Ebenezer Allen Moderator

Attest Nath.l Beaman Town Clerk

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may 18 1778 then met upon adjournment of the anuall marsh meting and voted as follows - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

8ly Voted that they would not allow Joshua Fletcher for the Counterfeit money he take of mr Curtis the Gale keeper for 6ps

9ly Voted to allow the Select men Seven pound fifteen shillings For Clothing they found for the Soljers that Went out a Guard in the yr 1776

10ly Voted to Except of the Rode laid ought throw phinhas Norcis Land throw land of Amos Rugs throw land of Benjamon Rapers and throw Land of Ephraem Willard jr to the County Rode that leads by Joseph Gary upon condicion the town is put to no further charge about sd Rode

11ly Voted to allow James Kindall jr the Rate of Aaron Gary Late Deced for the yer 1777 £0=11=9=0

12ly Voted to Dsolve this meting

Lancaster February 23 1778 Hear followeth an account of the prowings of the town of Lancaster with Cyrus Fairbank Town Treasur Cyrus Fairbank Town Treasur to the town of Lancaster Dr

For the Ballance as appers on Book for the yr 1777 £426:5:1:1

For Cash Rec'd of the Sweral Constobels for yr 1777 355:11:5

781:16:6:1

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by Sundrys orders Drawn by the Select men on Said Soper

Do in Favour of Samuel Thurston for prowiding for Jon Grants Family finding Brigg plank	£2:16:0:0
Do in Favour of Joseph Bennett for Scattering Rate for 1776	3:6:10:0
Do in Favour of James Wilder for Bording Caty grant 10 week	0:17:5:0
Do in Favour of Joseph Benaett for the Rate of Leach & Bundlow	1:10:10:1
Do in Favour of William Stone for keeping a School Dame	3:17:9:1
Do in Favour of Nathaniel white for School money	10:10:6:0
Do in Favour of William Starn for keeping a Schole in Choke	3:11:9:2
Do in Favour of Israel moor for taking inventory Rate	1:18:6:0
Do in Favour of Abigal Sawyer for Bridg timber	1:9:4:0
Do in Favour of Joshua Houghton for keeping poor Child	1:18:0:0
Do in Favour of Joseph Kelbon for Choal mony	5:8:6:3
Do in Favour of David Jewit for worning two town meting	0:12:0:0
Do in Favour of David Jewit for worning one meting	0:6:0:0
Do in Favour of Elyper Allin for Gethering Rate 1777	13:7:0:0
Do in Favour of Joseph Welder for Sort's poor	7:4:1:6:0
Do in Favour of Ephraem Welder for the town Stock a mineter on	161:11:5:0

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Do in Favour of Thomas Brook for Gathering Rats 1777	11 : 10 : 6
Do in Favour of Lemuel Fairbank for Bridg timber —	0 : 12 : 0
Do in Favour of David Jewit for waring a town meting	0 : 6 : 0
Do in Favour of David Jewit for Gathering Rats for 1777	10 : 14 : 0
Do in Favour of Joel Fletcher for keeping a poor Child —	5 : 4 : 0
Do in Favour of Northon Rugg for timber for the pound	4 : 0 : 0
Do in Favour of Israel moor for bridg Plank — — — —	1 : 14 : 2
Do in Favour of James Kendal for warning may meting 1776	0 : 9 : 0
Do in Favour of William Richardson for hiling gun and puch axis	1 : 2 : 4
Do in Favour of Hezekiah Gates for making Rats — —	2 : 0 : 8
Do in Favour of Samuel Thurston for a Gone west to bounty	1 : 4 : 0
Do in Favour of Timothy Emery for Digging Graves making Coffins — —	1 : 11 : 4
Do in Favour of Samuel Thurston for Supporting the poor	1 : 1 : 10
Do in Favour of Jonathon Knight for keeping a poor child	6 : 0 : 0
Do in Favour of Samuel Thurston for School money —	3 : 4 : 7
Do in Favour of Nathaniel Willard Jur for Gathering Rats 1778	2 : 1 : 6
Do in Favour of Ephraim Wilder for a Gon Delio Selectmen	1 : 8 : 0
Do in Favour of Jonas mason for School money —	4 : 19 11 : 3
Do in Favour of Israel moor for schoal money —	3 : 19 : 11 : 3
Do in Favour of Jonathon moor for School money —	4 : 14 : 3 . 0
Do in Favour of Thomas Sowy for Schooling —	3 : 19 : 1 9
Do in Favour of Elizabeth Wines for keeping and Clothing Jonathan Daly	13 : 9 : 0 . 0
Do in Favour of Thomas Rugg for keeping wid moor — —	8 : 5 : 0 -
Do in Favour of Cyrus Fairbank for plank and John Barns Rats	1 : 2 10 .
Do in Favor of Ephraim Sawyer for Shooling — — —	5 : 6 : 1 : 2
Do in Favor of abner Wilder for plank — — —	0 : 14 : 0 : 0
Do in Favor of Ezra Beaman for pleurd — — —	0 : 17 : 0 : 0
Do in Favour of John Davis for keeping and Clothing a poor Child	2 : 4 : 0 : 0
Do in Favor of Eunice Dale for nuring the wid moor — —	0 : 10 : 0 : 0
Do in Favor of Joseph Kilborn for School mony 1776 — —	9 : 0 : 0 . 0
Do in Favor of Daniel Robbin for the Selectmen Expens —	2 : 4 : 7 : 0
Do in Favor of Joseph Kilborn for a Gone to Selectmen	1 : 16 : 0 . 0
Do in Favor of Caleb Whiting for making Rats for 1776 — —	1 : 17 : 10 : 0
Do in Favor of Jams Kendal Jur for warning a town meting —	0 : 9 : 0 : 0
Do in Favour of Daniel Robbin for Numbering the poor —	0 : 6 : 0 : 0
Do in Favour of Josiah Wilder for Doctoring the poor —	1 : 17 8 0
Do in Favor of Abijah Wymon for for Clothing the poor —	0 19 : 8 : 0
Do in Favor of Jonas Wymon for Edward poor Rate —	1 : 12 : 4 : 3
Do in Favor of Lieu moor for School mony — — —	3 : 0 : 0 : 0
Do in Favor of Wilkam Fisher for schooling — — —	1 : 2 : 0 : 0
Do in Favor of John prescott for Numbering the poor —	1 : 0 : 0 : 0
Do in Favor of John White for Schooling — — —	5 : 0 : 0 : 0
Do in Favor of Joseph Osgood over Rated 1776 — —	0 : 12 : 9 : 3
Do in Favor of John prescott for schooling — —	1 : 10 0 : 0
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Do	in Favour of Joel osgood for bridg timber	12:0:0
Do	in Favour of Daniel Robbins for provision for d moor	17:0:0
Do	in Favor of Joel Houghton for Numbering the people	14:0:0
Do	in Favor of Nathanil Bromar for taking the inventory of Rate	3:0:0:0
Do	in Favor of Ebenezer Flagg for keeping and suporting poor	3:6=0=0
Do	in Favor of Jonas Wymon for warning two town mettings	0=6=0=0
Do	in Favor of Stephen Wymon for Clothing Hana Harris	0=17=10:0
Do	in Favor of Nathanil Willard jun for Schooling 1776	2=18=0:0
Do	in Favor of Joel Houghton for finding provision w'd moor	0=2=1:0
Do	in Favor of William Green leaf for Supplying the poor	1=1=11=0
Do	in Favor of Nathanil Bromar for making Rate 1776	1=8=10=0
Do	in Favor of Thomas Gate for Boarding the Selectmen	9=3=7:0
Do	in Favor of Thomas Brook for Repairing four town gons	0=12=0=0
Do	in Favor of Jonas Wymon for warning two town mets	0=12=0=0
Do	in Favor of Jonas Wymon for keeping Hana Harris	6=2=3=0
Do	in Favor of James Richardson for Gathering Rate 1776	4=2=6=0
Do	in Favor of Sallomon Jewit for taking in Boys mak Rate	3=0=0=0
Do	in Favor of John Prescott for Schooling 1774	1=5=8=2
Do	in Favor of William Green leaf for making Rate	2=8=0=0
Do	in Favor of William Green leaf for Supplying poor	2=12=0=0
Do	in Favor of abijah Wymon for finding Hana Harris Clothing	1=4=0=0
Do	in Favor of Jonas Wymon for warning two town mettings	0=12=0=0
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Do	in Favor of Jonas Wymon for Gathering Rate 1776	8=5=10=0
Do	in Favor of Thomas Gate for Suporting the Selectmen	13=4=6=0
Do	in Favour of Nathanil White for Schooling	10=10=6=0
Do	in Favor of Edward Hatelin for Schooling	3=8=0=0
Do	in Favor of Nathanil Bromar for Abel Wymon's Rate aid to the	1=19=6=0
Do	in Favor of Nathanil Wright for Schoolmony	2=4=0=0
Do	in Favor of Joel Houghton for Gathering Rate 1775	2=10=6=0
1776 Do	in Favor of Cyrus Fairbank for taking in Stocin Boys making Rate	2=7=3=0
Do	in Favor of James Kindal jun for Gathering Rate 1776	4=11=6=0
Do	in Favor of Dawid osgood for Schooling 1776	1=13=7=2
Do	in Favor of Samal Prentice for Schooling	5=11=0=0
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Do in Favor of Lt Samuel Thurston for Numbering poor	468=4=1=1
Do in Favor of Joseph Kilborn for Numbering peopel	1=4=0=0
Do in Favor of John Davis for keeping a poor child	0=16=0=0
Do in Favr of Caleb Whitny for keeping a poor Child	3=16=0=0
Do in Favor of Jonathon Wilder for Schooling 1776	4=0=0=0
Do in Favor of William Greenleaf for Supplying a man when Inoculated	5=13=10=0
Do in Favor of Thomas Brook for warning town meetings	3=3=0=0
Do in Favor of Ephraim Wilder for taking the invoys making Hats & Coat	0=18=0=0
Do in Favor of Joshua Houghton 2nd for Caring Clothing to Newyork & back	4=0=0=0
Do in Favor of Samuell Sawyer Jn for making Hats	13=13=10=0
Do in Favor of Thomas Gale for Seporting the Committee 1777	3=4=0=0
Do in Favor of Joseph Bayley for a Gone	5=1=9=0
Do in Favor of Joseph Kilborn for provid for wd moor	2=2=0=0
Do in Favor of Joel Houghton for Enoch Dales Rate and other	1=10=4=0
Do in Favor of Nathaniel Willard Jn for keep Jim Farmer 1776	1=11=1=0
	6=14=8=0
	£ 526=5=4=2

Cash Due to Ballance from Cyrus Fairbank Town Treasr £ 255=11=2

February 16 1779 Recd of Mr Ebenezer Bush for Cash he Collected on the highways 11=0

February 25 1779 Paid Mr William Sawmoor in Cash for being the moy 20=0=0

Du but Brooklin for Boarding and nursing Walker

Lancaster February 27 1778

Hear Followes an account of the proudenciall of the Town of Lancaster for the ye 1777 the assesors have maid a tax for the State of the massachusets Bay of twenty five Hundred and twenty one pounds Seventeen Shillings and four pence for the town of Lancaster and maid Lists of the Same and Commited them to the Several Constables hear after mended

To Jonas Wymon - - - - £459 = 17 = 8 = 0
To Elisher Allin - - - £776 = 12 = 2 = 0
To Thomas Brook - £666 = 18 0 = 0
2521 17 4 0

The Assesors have maid a tax of one hundred and ninty four pounds Granted by Said town and Like wise a tax of one hundred and and Sixty one pounds Elven Shilings and five pence for Said town of Lancaster and maid Lists of the Same and Commited them to the Sweral Constables to Galet with worants for the Same - - -

- - - To Jonas Wymon — £71 = 10 = 7 = 1
- - - To Elisher Allin - - - £115 = 11 = 8 = 7
- - - To Thomas Brook — £103 = 11 = 0 2
- - - To David Jewit - - - £96 = 6 = 5 = 2

£386 = 19 = 9 = 2

out of 103 pounds we have ordered Thomas Brook to pay to the County Treasur the Sum of thurty one pounds ten Shilings one peny

April 14 1777 we have maid a tax of one hundred and fifty pounds Granted to be worked out at high ways and bridges at our at our meting in march last and maid an apoyment of the town of Lancaster and Delivred Lists to the Several Sevayrs with worants to Geather or worked out the Same

Ephraim Wilder
Wm Green leafe
Samuel Sawyer
Sallomon Jewett
Nathaniel Beaman

Assessors of Lancaster

Worcester ss To William Kindal & Jonathon Bayley two of the Constables for the town of Lancaster

May meting for the Chois of Representa ye 1778 may 11

In the Name and Government of the Propel of the State of the massachusets Bay you air hear by Directed to Warn and Notify all the freeholders and other inhabitants in the town of Lancaster Lignally Qualifid to Vote in town affairs to mete at the meting hous in the first precinct in Sid town on the Eighteenth Day of this instant may at Nine of the Clock in the four noon to act on the Following articals

1 By To if the town will Chus one or mor to Represent them in the Great and General Cort the insuing year Fail not to make Return of your warants at time and place with your doings therein

Lancaster may 6 1778

Levi moor
William Puttnom
Isral moor
Selectmen of Lancaster

Worcester ss in obedeance to the within warant I have I have Notifid and warned all the free holders and other inhabelants of the first precinct in Lancaster that air Legnally Qualifid to Vot in town affars to meat at time and plas within mensh — — William Kindal Constable
Lancaster may 11 1778

Worcester ss in obedeance to the within warant I have warnd all the free halders and other inhabitants of the saond precinct in Lancaster that air Qualifid to vote in town affars to meat at time and plas within mensh
Lancaster may 11 1778 — — Jonathon Bayley Constable

Lancaster may 18 1778 then met a Greabel to the above warrant

1 By Vated to Chus one or mor to Represent Sid town for the insuing yr

2 By Chos William Dunsmoor Esqr to Represend sid town

3 By Voted and Chos Isarael Thurston to assist Maj Dunsmoor the insuing yr

Cyrus Fairbank Town Clerk

meting on
may 11 1778

and adjurd
to may 18

to Revise the
New Constitution

Worcester ss To Jonathon Bayley and William Rindal
two of the Constobels for the town of Lancaster - - -
in the name and Government of the people of the
State of the Massichusetts Bay - - - - - -
you are hear by Directed to notify and warn all the
Freeholders and and other inhabitants of the Town of
Lancaster that are Legualy Qualefyd to vote in town
affairs to met at the in the Second precinct in Lancaster
on munday the Eleventh Day of this instant may at
at one of the Clock in the after noon then and there to
act on the Fallowing articals Viz - - - - - -

1ly to Chos a moderator for the Government of Sd Meting
2 ly to Chus a town Clerk - - - - - - - - -
3 ly to See what methods the town will Come in to for to Raise
thos men that wair sent for to Reinforce the Continantel army
4 ly to See if the town will Call all the money out of the hands
of the town treasurr that that hath bin paid in as Fines
5 ly to See if the town will Chuse a Committy to Give the Reasons to
to the Quarter Sessions why they refus to mentane Anna Jonson - -
6 ly to See if the the town will allow Col Asa Whitcomb any thing
for his Servis and attendane at Cort and Congrus in the yr 1774 - - -
7 ly To See if the town will Except of the new form of Government
and Constitucion that the Genaeral Cort hath Sent out for
our Exceptance - - - - - - - - - -
and you are to warn all that are one and twenty yers of
age that are or have bin one yer in Sd town and have paid
taxes to act on the articals of the New Constitucion - - -
Fail not make Return of your Worants with your Doings Ther in
at time and place within mensh - - - - - -

Lancaster may ye 6 : 1778 - William Putnam } Select
Luc Moor } men of
Israel Moor } Lancaster

Worcester ss may 11 1778 in obidiane to the with in worant
I have warnd all the Freeholder and other of the inhabitant with my Precinct
with thos of one and twenty yers of age to appear at time and place Expres
in Sd worant - - - -
Jonathon Bayley Constobel Lancas

Worcester ss may 11 1778 in obediane to the with in I have warnd
all the Free halder and other inhabitants of my precinct to
geather with thos of one and twenty yer of age to appear at
time and plac Expres in Sd Worant

William Rindal Constobel Lancas

may 11 1778 then met a greabel to the worarit

1 ly Voted and Chos Jonathon Wilder moderator

2 ly Voted and Chosen Cyrus Fairbank town clerk in the room of Nathaniel Bromar - - - - - - - -

3 ly Voted to Rase Eighteen Continantal men for nine month and to pay them by the town and to agss sd town for the same as they have in all other town taxis in time past

4 ly Voted and chosen a Committee to Keep the Eighteen men above Exprest and that this Committe Consyt of the Comition officers of Each Compiny and the Select men and the Committe of Saftey for sd town - - - - - - - -

5 ly Voted to Rais Fourteen men and to pay them by a town tax as the other above Exprest for to Joine our army

6 ly Voted and Chosen a committy to attend at Worcester upon a Sitation Sent from the Quarter Sessions in Regard to a poor Child Anna Jonson now Resident in Bolton - -

7 ly Chosen Ebenezer Allin John Sprague Samuel Thurston for that purpos - - - - - - - - - -

8 ly Voted to adjurn this meting to the first Prescut in Lancaster on munday the Eighteen day of this instant may Eleven of the Clock in the fore noon

Cyrus Fairbank Town Clr

may 18 1778 then met upon the adjurnment and acted on the Following articles

9 ly Voted to Reuse the new Form of Government and Constitution Sent to us by the Great and general Corte the Number of pols that Voted to Reuse it was one hundred and Eleven

Voted against Reuse the the Constitution Forty one - -

10 ly Voted to allow Col Asa Whitcomb his account for his Servis at Corte and Congres in the 1774 - - -

11 ly Voted that the Fins that was Committed to the hand of the Town Treasr and Sene Dilword to the Several Comition officers by sd town Treasr that sd money shall not be Collected of sd town Treasr hand any moor

12 ly Voted that the Comition officers of Each compiny in sd town with the Select men and Committee of Safty be a Committe to hier money to pay the Eighteen Continental men above Exprest upon the towns acost

13 ly Voted to Desolve this meting Jonathon Wilder moderator

Cyrus Fairbank Town Clerk

worcester ss in the name and Government and power of
the Massachusetts Bay
To the freeholders and others of the inhabitants of the town of
Lancaster that are Legally Qualified to vote in town affairs
Greting,

meting on
October 26 1778

You are Required and Directed to meet at the moting hous in the
to
act as the Second
precinct as a
Sepret town
Second precinct in Lancaster on munday the Sixth Day of
this instant october at one of the Clock in the after noon then and
There to act on the Following articals Viz

1ly. to Chus a moderator for the Government of Sd meting

2ly to See if the town will Vote to Set of the Second precinct in Lancaster
as a Sepret town or act any thing there to as the town shall
think proper

3ly to See if the town will Chus a Committee to Supply
thos Family that their husbands are gon into the Continental
Servis a Grable to a Resolve of the Great and General Court
aut or trans act any thing Relative there to

By order of the Selectmen Cyrus Fairbank Town Clerk

Lancaster octaber 8 1778

worcester ss october 26 1778 I have warned the freeholders
and others of the inhabitants of Lancaster Legally to appear
at time and plas within mensined by putting up a warrant
at Each of the meting hawis in Sd town fourteen Day before Sd
Cyrus Fairbank Town Clerk

Then met agreable to the warnt

1ly Voted and Chos William Putnam moderator for the Govermt
of Sd meting

2ly Voted to Set of the Second precinct in Lancaster as a Sepret
Town

3ly Voted to Chus a Comitee to Supply the Family of thos
that are gon into the Continental army

4ly Voted and Chos Sollomon Sawtt Edward Sawtor Josiah Kindal 3rd
Elesher White Daniel Rugg William Sacker for Sd Cometey

5ly Voted to Desolve this meting

William Putnam moderator

Lancaster octaber 27 1778

Entered Cyrus Fairbank Town Clerk

Worcester ss In the name of the Goverment of the people of the State of the Massechusets Bay - - - - - -

a warrant for a town meting on the 4th of Janu^y 1779

To the free holders and others of the inhabitants of the town of Lancaster that are Legaley Qualefied to vote in town affair greeting

You are hear by directed and Requierd to meet at the meting hous in the first precinct in Lancaster on munday the fourth day of January nex att ten of the Clock in the four noon then and Therr to act on the following articels Viz - - - - - -

Concerning the Second precinct being a town and making a Devision of the poor

1ly To Chus a moderator for the government of s^d meting

2ly To Conuder and act on the petision of Capt Ephraem Wilder and others to See if the town will pass a vote that those persons that live on the line that devid the two precincts which is Expected to be the line that will devid the two towns if the General Court Shall See fit to devid them or that Each person on s^d line may have the priviledg of paying Their tax is to that town whair their dwelling hous now stands

3ly to See if the town will Chus a Committee to make a Devision of the poor persons that are mentaned by s^d Town and to See what mesures the town will Come in to in making a Devision of the town Standords and town Stock of powder and Ball

4ly To See if the town will Conuder and act on the petision of Jonadreck Allbutt and others praying that the Southerdly part of Lancaster may bee Set of to be annexed to the town of Shurbury Viz that part all redy Set of to the northerdly parte of s^d Shurbury and that parte [illegible] in the west precinct Viz. as Followes begining at the Sear north from Sawyer mills whair the line devids the two parysh this that Strikes the River and runs weSterdly & north of Joseph Sawyer and John Glasshon and South of Israel moores to the Corner of Ezra Beamons Carters farm and by the northerdly line of s^d Farm to the River a Bove the bridg below Cutins mills - - - - - - - - - -

5ly To See if the town will Reserve any of the fier arms or gons for thos persons that live in s^d town who are unabel to purchi for them selves thos arms are assigned to s^d town by the General Court the the town paying for the Same - - - - - - - - -

6ly to See if the town will raise any mor money to be schooled out in s^d town this prsent yar - - - - - - - - - -

7ly to See if the town will Direct the assors to make the town and County rates by the last invoice that was taken or to take a new one for that purpors

8ly Turn over

8ly To See if the town will Grant a Sum of money Sufficeant for to enabel the Committee to Supply the Familey of thos that are gon in to the Continental army a Grabel to a resolve of the great and General Corte Derecting them two and to See if the town will act or trane act any thing upon the above petitions that may be for the benifit and advantig of sd town at this time of their Sperations when abought to Dwid in to two towns

Dated at Lancaster Dumber the 17 1778
By order of the Selectmen Cyrus Fairbank Town Clerk

Worcester ss January 4 1779 I have womed all the Freeholders and others of the inhabetents of Lancaster to meet at time and place with in menshed by Posting up a worant at Each of the meting houses in sd town fourteen Day be fours hand
Cyrus Fairbank Town Clerk

January the 4 1779 then the tow met upon aworant For Calling of a tow meting and pass the folloy Votes

1ly Chos mr Ebenezer allin modrator for sd meting
2ly Conseder and acted on the petion of Capt Ephraem Wilder and other and Vote pass in the negitive
3ly voted to pass over the artical of Dwoding the poor and Dwiding the town standard town Stock of Cows
4ly voted to pass over the petion of Jr Bradruck Albart and others set forth in the worant
5ly the Question was put to know if the town would Reserve any of the fien arms Assigned them by the generall Corte and it pass in the negitive — —
6ly the Question was put to See if the town would Rais any more money to be Shoald set in sd town for the yr 1778 and it pass in the negitive
7ly Voted to take a new inwoys to make the Town and county Rate for the yr 1778 — —
8ly Voted that Each person in sd town Should give in what they posest the first Day of January 1779 — — — — — — — —

9 By Voted and Reconsidered the two vote in Regard to the taking of a new invoyce and the Day that was appointed of what they poyst in the town of Lenea Mr Jackson Both Real and personal

10 By Voted to make the town Rate bfor the Last yer By the invoyce that was taken in may 1778

11 By Voted to Raise three hundred pounds to Supply the Familey of thos that air gon in to the Continental army

12 By voted to Desolve this meting

Cyrus Fairbank Town Clerk Ebenezer Allin moderator

Worcester ss. In the Name and Government and peopel of the Massachusetts Bay ..... Warrant for March meeting 1st 1779

To the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the towne of Lancaster that are Legally qualified to Vote in towne affairs ..... Greeting

You are Required and directed to meet at the meeting house in the Second precinct in Lancaster on monday the first day of March Next at Nine of the Clock in the fournoon to Vote in towne affairs (Viz)

To Chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting

To Chuse Town officers for the Ensueing year

To Grant money to defray townes charges for the year Ensuing

To See how much money the towne will Grant to be Sessed in Said towne for this year

To See how much money the towne will Grant in order to the Repairing high ways and Building and Repairing Bridges and Ascertaining the sums of the Labor for men & Cattle and Cleaner for the present year

To See what measure the towne will come in to about the keeping the Grammer Schools for the present year

To See if the towne will Accept of the Severale destricts as they are Setled out in order For Each destrict to School out there own money

To See if the towne will Accept of or discontinue Said as the towne Shall think fitt

To See if the towne will allow Thomas Browne his Rate for the year 1777

Lancaster Feb 12th 1779

By Order of the Selectmen
Cyrus Fairbank Town Clerk

Worcester ss. March 1st 1779 I have warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Towne of Lancaster by posting up a warrant at Each of the meeting houses according to the Within Order March 1st 1779
Cyrus Fairbank Town Clerk

Return of Warrant for March Meeting 1779

Lancaster March 1st 1779 At a legal meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the towne of Lancaster Regularly assembled to Vote in towne affairs being March 1st Voted Aug

Voted & Chosen Col Josiah Reed moderator to Govern Said meeting

Voted & Chosen William Greenleaf Towne Clerk

Voted & Chosen five Selectmen (Viz) William Greenleaf, Nathaniel Beaman, Ephraim Wilder, Manasseh Sawyer, Jacob Houghton } Selectmen for Lancaster

Voted & Accepted the Selectmens Account

Voted & Accepted the assessors Account

Voted & Chosen Cyrus Fairbank Towne Treasurer

Voted to Chuse three persons as assessors

Voted & Chosen Joshua Sprague Jonathan Nelson Aaron Sawyer & Gersham Flagg Assessors

Proved ... of March meeting 3 1779

Dy 9 Voted to Chuse five Overseers to take Care of the poor and the Families of the Gentlemen Soldiers

Dy 10 Voted & Chosen { Michal Wortheu, William Willard Junr, Phinehas Beaman, Ebenezer Bass, Joshua Prescott } Overseers of the poor to supply Soldiers families

Dy 11 Voted that the Overseers of the poor draw their Orders on the Town Treasurer for money to support the poor & the Soldiers families and to render an Acct to the Selectmen at the Close of the year

Dy 12 Voted & Chosen { Col Joseph Read, Cyprus Fairbank, Nathaniel White, Solomon Jewett, Luke Widow } Committee of Inspection & Safety

Dy 13 Voted & Chosen John Robbins Constable for the North part of the Town in the first precinct

Dy 14 Voted & Chosen Joshua Sawyer Constable for the North part of the Town in the Second precinct

Dy 15 Voted & Chosen Herman Kendall Constable for the South part of the Town in the Second precinct

Dy 16 Voted & Chosen William Locke Constable for the South part of the Town in the first precinct

Dy 17 Voted & Chosen { Samuel Adams, William Widow, Joby Brooks, Jonathan Jewett } Wardens

Dy 18 Voted & Chosen { James Carter, Asa Phelps, James Clark, Jonas Wyman, Samuel Widow Junr, Silas Howe, Abijah Houghton, Paul Sawyer } High ways Surveyors first precinct

Dy 19 Voted & Chosen { Ephraim Prosper, Saml Houghton, Eq Saml Kendall, Thomas Wright, Joseph Hoff, Ephraim Boynton, John Barron, Joseph Read Esqr } Highway Surveyors Second precinct

Dy 20 Voted & Chosen { Nathaniel Carter, Joshua Fletcher, Nathaniel Sawyer, Jonathan Widow } Field Viewers

Dy 21 Voted & Chosen { Joseph Carter, Josiah Kendall, Samuel Rice, David Hosley } Fence Viewers

Dy 22 Voted & Chosen { Samuels Widow Junr, Jonathan Wilds } Cutlor of Staves

Dy 23 Voted & Chosen { Joseph Carter, Joby Brooks } Sealer of Leather

Dy 24 Voted & Chosen { Cyprus Fairbank, Moses Sawyer, Frederick Abbott, Aaron Sawyer } Over Seers

Dy 25 Voted & Chosen { Benjamine Houghton, Samuels Rice } Tith Men

Dy 26 Voted & Chosen { Cyprus Fairbank, John Wheelock, Timothy Knight } Tithing men first precinct

Voted & Chosen ... { Seth. Fairbank, Silly Littlejohn, Thomas Brock } Selectmen and Assessors for the ensuing year.

Voted & Chosen Thomas Gates Sealer of weights & measures.

Voted & Chosen James Richardson (Warning) Grand Jurors for the ensuing year.

Voted that the Names that were Read before the town are set for Jurorsmen for the Superior Court and shall be put into the box.

Voted that the Names that was Read before the town are set for Jurorsmen for the Inferior Court and shall be put into the box.

Voted to Raise three thousand five hundred pounds to defray Town Charges for the ensuing year.

Voted to Raise Eight hundred pounds for Schooling this ensuing year.

Voted to Adjourn this meeting to the third monday in may Next at the meeting house in the first Precinct in Lancaster at One of the Clock in the afternoon.

A true Copy attest ... { Joseph Read Moderator, William Greenleaf Jr. Clerk }

Here follows an Account of the Proceedings of the Town of Lancaster with Cyrus Fairbank Town Treasurer Cyrus Fairbank Town Treasurer to the Town of Lancaster Dr. Ballance due from Cyrus Fairbank Town Treasurer as Appears on book £ 276. 2. 2.

Cash due from the Sworn Constable to the said treasurer for the year 1778 for which said treasurer Stands Charged the for. 3745. 7 —

£ 6021: 9. 2

The Proceedings of the Town of Lancaster 1779

Supra

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Sundry Orders drawn on said Treasurer					
Ditto	in Favour	of	Aaron Colebrook		11:0
Do	Do	Do	Daniel Bigg	10	13
Do	Do	Do	Do		15
Do	Do	Do	Joseph moor	3	19:11
Do	Do	Do	Nathaniel Willard Jun	2	18: —
Do	Do	Do	Do	3	16:8
Do	Do	Do	Asher Prentiss		10:8
Do	Do	Do	John Prentiss Jun	3	10:8
Do	Do	Do	Samuel Wait	10	5: —
Do	Do	Do	Cornelius Sawyer	1	—
Do	Do	Do	Nathaniel Eager	2	15:5
Do	Do	Do	Nathaniel Wright		13.4
Do	Do	Do	Thomas Brock		18: —
Do	Do	Do	Elisha Ulley	1	10: —
Do	Do	Do	Joseph Kilburne	1	4: —
Do	Do	Do	Ebenezer Allen	10	5: —
Do	Do	Do	William Sosman		18:6
Do	Do	Do	Ephraim Seymour		12: —
Do	Do	Do	Peter Larkin	2	4: —
Do	Do	Do	Ephraim Seymour		6:6
Do	Do	Do	Forsyth Eggord		6:6
Do	Do	Do	James Gibbons	2	12: —
Do	Do	Do	Daniel Robbins	1	—
Do	Do	Do	William Wheeling	4	8.10
Do	Do	Do	Jonat. mason	4	19:11
Do	Do	Do	Daniel Goff	1	16: —
Do	Do	Do	Thomas Sawyer	3	19:1
Do	Do	Do	Manasseh Sawyer	3	6 —
Do	Do	Do	Jabez Wheelock		10 —
Do	Do	Do	Jacob Wilder	2	— —
Do	Do	Do	James Kendall		11.9
Do	Do	Do	Isaac Allston	16	2 —
Do	Do	Do	Aaron Johnson	11	8 —
Do	Do	Do	Joseph Phelps	3	11 —
Do	Do	Do	Asher Farmer	11	11 —
Do	Do	Do	Ebenezer Allen	29	7.8
Do	Do	Do	Jacob Wilder	2	— —
Do	Do	Do	Caleb Whitney	4	— —
Do	Do	Do	Thomas Hyman	1	10: —
Do	Do	Do	Cyrus Fairbank	1	16 —
Do	Do	Do	Do	50	— —
Do	Do	Do	Do	50	11 —
Do	Do	Do	Do	2	2 —
				28	0. 1
3 Ballances due from Cyrus Fairbank Treasurer to the Town				57	19. 9 — 1
				£ 6021	9. 2

Ebenezer Allen, Joseph Moor, Levi Moor, Joshua Hebbard, Wm Putnam } Selectmen

A true Copy Attest Wm Greenleaf Jr. Clk

Precedents of the town of Lancaster 1779

Lancaster Sept.r 26 1779. Here follows the Account of the Precedents of the towne of Lancaster for the year one thousand seven hundred & seventy eight the assessors have made a tax for the Contable of £2062: 12: 10. According to a tax bille dated march 29 1778 and we have delivered Lists to the Several Constables to Collect the Same. We have made another State tax by order of a tax bille dated July 4th 1778 of the Sume of £2062: 12: 10. & delivered Lists of the Same to the Several Constables to Collect the same. We have made a tax According to the Several Grants of the towne of Lancaster for the year 1778 & a County tax Of the Sume of £5835: 1: 1. and delivered Lists to the Several Constables with the warrant to Collect the Same.

To	Constable	Jonas Fairbanks	£1720. 7.
Do	Do	William Kendall	1140. 2. 11.
Do	Do	Nathan Fowler	1306. 9. 2.
Do	Do	Jonathan Bayley Junr	1130. 12.
			£5835. 11: 1.

Out of the £1720 7. 0 We have divided Said Fairbanks to pay the County Treasurer Nathan Bayley £89. 11. 1.
£1745. 17: 0.

We have made a tax of £300 to be worked out at high ways and bridges for the year 1778 and delivered Lists Several Surveyors to work out & delivered warrant to worke out & Collected the Same

Ebenezer Allen
Jonas Fairbanks
Josiah Moor
Joshua Fletcher
William Patterson
} Assessors for Lancaster

A true Copy Attest Wm Greenleaf Clerk

Proceedings of the Adjournment of March meeting 1779

Lancaster may 17th 1779. By an adjournment of the towne meeting from march the 6th 1779 at the meeting house in the first precinct in Lancaster at one of the Clocke in the afternoone the Inhabitants of the towne being met & did Accordingly (Viz)

1. Voted & Choosed Nathaniel Bowman assessor in the Room of Josiah Sawyer
2. Voted to Raise twelve hundred pounds to be worked out at high ways & bridges
3. Voted that the price of Labour at high ways be at 30/ p.r more to the last of August then before & proportionable Shall raised in proportion to other Labour
4. Voted to Accept the Report of Doct.r Wm Brinsmead & others Respecting Land & Roads through Land of Johns Prescott & Ebenezer Allen
5. Voted that the money raised for the Support of a Grammer School Be one half in the first precinct & the other half in the Second precinct to be left with the Selectmen of in what Squadron it Shall be kept
6. Voted to omitte the Seventh & Eighth Article, one Marked Warrant
7. Voted to allow to Thomas Bowers his tax for the year 1777 Month Mark Cotel
8. Voted & Choosed Thomas Gates one Overseer of the poor in the Room of Johns Prescott Resigned
9. Voted and Resolved this meeting Joseph.a Reed moderator

Wm Greenleaf Clerk

Warrant for meeting 1779

Worcester ss. In the Name and Government of the people of the Massachusetts Bay.

To the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the towne of Lancaster that Are legally qualified to Vote in towne affairs Greeting

You are hereby Required and directed to met at the Meeting house in the first precinct in Lancaster, one monday the Seventh of the day of this instant may at eight of the Clocke in the forenoone to Vote in towne affairs (Viz)

1. Thing and there to Elect one more person to Represent the towne in a Grate and General Court According to a precept directed to the Selectmen

2 To take the minds of the Inhabitants of the towne Respecting a new Constitution
or forme of government agreable to a Resolve of the greate & Generall Court=
Dy 3 To See what Sum or Sums of money the towne will Raise for the further Supply
ing the Soldiers families. Or to See what directions the towne will give the Commit=
Respecting that affaire.

Dy 4 To See if the towne will allow Sarah Swan his Rates for the year 1778.
9 5 To See if the towne will Elect one or more persons Inspectors of the Markett
Agreable to an Order of the greate & Generale Court
Dy 6 To See if the towne will devest the towne Clerke to purchase a towne
Book and Copy of the old book of births deaths marriages & Alphabetically
Dy 7 To See if the towne will Consider the Complaint of Mr Daniel Watson
the thinkes he has been Overrated in the year 1779
Dy 8 To See if the towne will grant the Bequest of Capt Mansfield Sawyer and
Others (which is if the Second precinct Should be Set of as a towne to=
themselves) that live on the Line pay there taxes where there
Dwelling house Stand, for the farme they live upon.

Given under my
Hand and Seale this third day of may in the year of our Lord
One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy nine & in the third year of
the Independance of the united States of America.

Wm Greenleaf Town Clk

By Order of the Selectmen.

Worcester ss May 4th 1779 I have Warned the freeholders and other Inha= Return of may
bitants of the towne of Lancaster by posting up a Warrant at each Warrant 1779
of the meting houses according to Law. Wm Greenleaf Town Clk

Lancaster May 17th 1779 at a legall meting of the freeholders & other Inhabi= Proceedings of may
tants of the towne of Lancaster Regularly assembled to Vote in towne affairs meting 1779
And being met Voted Accordingly (Viz)

1st Voted & Choose Joseph Reed Esqr to Represent the towne the present year
Dy 2 Voted & Choose Capt Ephraim Wilder moderator to govern Said meting
Dy 3 Voted to have a New form of government & Constitution made present at Said meting
Voting on the first Article in the Court directions to the Selectmen 8th year 11th May
Dy 4 Voted to adjourne this meting till three O Clock this afternoon
Upon adjournment of the Above meting to three o Clock the afternoon the
Inhabitants being met Voted Accordingly (Viz)
Dy 5 Voted to Accept the Second Article in the Court order Concerning a New Constitu=
tution with this Addition. We do Impower our Representative to give
his Vote for Chooseing a Convention for the purpose mentioned with=
Provio that the Constitution Shall Return into the hand of the people
For there Approbation or Disapprobation
Dy 6 Voted to Raise £1500. to defray towne Charges

Voted to Allow Jacob Lewis his Rate for the year 1778

Voted to Chuse 4 persons as Inspectors of the markett

Voted & Chosen Capt Ozias Wilder Wm Dunsmoor Esqr Nath Sparhawk and Capt Wm Putnam as the Above Committee

Voted to purchase a new book for the use of the Town

Voted that the Towne Clerk purchase the above book

Voted to have the old book Births Deaths &c to be Compiled Alphabetically

Voted to Chuse a Committee to Examine the old book and ascertain the Cost of Copying of and make Report to the next Towne meeting and to See if the Towns of Bolton Harvard & Lunenburgh have their Equal proportion of the Expence

Voted & Chosen Wm Green Esqr Wm Dunsmoor Esqr & Deacon Nathl Sparhawk to Be the Above Committee

Voted to abate Mr Daniel Wade the Sume of £34 17 9 as being through Mistake Over Rated

Voted that the Request of Capt Manasseh Sawyer and Others be granted

Voted and dessolved this meeting

Ephraim Wilder Modr
Wm Greenleaf Town Clerk

Warrant for June meeting 1779

Worcester ss To Mr William Lock a Constable of the Town of Lancaster Greeting

In the name and Behalf of the People of the State of the Massachusetts Bay

You will and Require you forthwith to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants in your destrict in Said Towne qualified to Vote in Towne affairs to Meet at the meeting house in the Second precinct in Lancaster On monday the twenty Eighth day of June Instant at nine o Clock in the forenoon there and there to act on the following Articles (Viz)

1st To Chuse a moderator to Govern Said meeting

2 To See what method the Towne will Come into in Order to Raise money for the army Required by the General Court & to See if the Town will Chuse a Committee for that Said purpose

3 To See what the Town will do Respecting the address from the Continental Congress transmitted to the people at large

4 To See if the third article is Excepted by the Towne then to Chuse a Committee to See it Complyed with & put in Execution or to act or transact any thing Relating Said meeting

Given under my hand and Seal this 22d day of June AD 1779 and in the third year of the Independance of the United States of America

Wm Greenleaf Town Clerk

Returns of June Warrant 1779

Worcester ss June 23d 1779 By Virtue of the within Warrant I have warned all the freeholders & other Inhabitants within my) district to Appear at time and place according to law

William Lock Constable

Proceeding of the Meeting 1779

Lancaster June 28th 1779. At a legally meeting of the freeholders and Other Inhabitants of Said Town. Regularly Assembled to Vote in Town affairs &c.
Being met Voted Accordingly (Viz)

1 Voted & Choose Jacob Houghton Moderator to govern Said meeting
2 Voted to adjourn this meeting for one hour to meet at this place.
Upon an adjournment as Above the Inhabitants being met Voted Accordingly (Viz)
3 Voted to Raise the men Sent for from the general Court (by the town)
4 Voted to pay the men Required by the the general Court by a town Rate
5 Voted to Chuse a Committee to Raise the men for the Army
6 Voted that the Selectmen Commissioned Officers & Committee of Correspondance Be the the Above Committee
7 Voted and Impowred the Committee to hire the men for the most Reasonable Sum and to pay in the produce of the land or in money
8 Voted to Impower the Committee to give the men 40/ p month to go into the Army and pay at the price of the produce of the land at a price Equal to the Above Sum of 40/ p month
9 Voted to adjourn this meeting one hour to meet at this place
Upon Adjournment as Above the Inhabitants being met Voted Accordingly (Viz)
10 Voted to Suspend the transferring the 2d book of Births deaths &c for the Present, and the whole of the Committee to make Report as Soone as possible
11 Voted that the prices of the Commodityes of the farmer and any other Articles not Rised any higher then at this time
12 Voted to Chuse a Committee to Ascertain the price of Every Article of Life
13 Voted to Chuse a Committee to Consist of Eight persons
14 Voted and Choosed Nathaniel Balch Wm Beaumont Esqr Jonah Rice Esqr Nath. Beaumont Esqr Wm Putnam Jacob Houghton Abraham Sawyer and Thomas Browne as the Above Committee
15 Voted and Adjourned this meeting to the 12 day of July next at the meeting house in the first precinct at one Oclock in the afternoon

Jacob Houghton Moderator
Wm Glen Esqr Town Clerk

Proceeding of the Adjournment of June meeting 1779

Lancaster July 12th 1779 By an adjournment of the town meeting from June 28th 1779 to the meeting house in the first precinct in Lancaster at One Oclock in the afternoon the Inhabitants of the town being met Voted Accordingly (Viz)

1 Voted to Adjourn this meeting to three Oclock at this place
Upon Adjournment of the Above meting the Inhabitants being met Voted Accordingly (Viz)
2 Voted to Adopt Similar measures with the Inhabitants of Boltone
3 Voted to Send to Sd two Convention at Concord upon the 15th instant July
4 Voted to Send two as delegates to attend as Above
5 Voted to Chuse the delegates by ballot to attend at Concord as Above
6 Voted and Impowred Cyrel Fairbank a town treasurer to give this County to the Continental & provincial Soldiers in behalf of the town
7 Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to procure & Receive the Goods for the Soldiers

8th Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to pay the Soldiers their money

9th Voted and Chose Joseph Reed Esqr & Mr Edward Bangs Adams to attend at Concord the 4th Instant as delegates to Set in a State Convention

10th Voted and Adjourned this meeting to the 9 day of Augt next at the meeting house on the Second precinct in Sancaster at two O Clock in the afternoon

Jock Houghton Moderator
Wm Greenleaf Town Clerk

Proceeding of the Adjournment of Augt meeting 1779

Sancaster Augt 9th 1779 By an Adjournment of the town meeting from June 28th 1779 to the meeting house in the Second precinct in Sancaster at two O Clock in the afternoon the Inhabitant being met Voted Accordingly (Viz)

1st Voted Chose Jock Houghton Moderator the meeting

Jock Houghton mod
Wm Greenleaf T. Clerk

Warrant for Augt meeting 1779

Worcester ss In the Name & Government & People of the Massachusetts Bay To the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Sancaster that are Legally qualified to Vote in towne affairs Greeting

You are hereby Required & Directed to meet at the meeting house in the first precinct in Sancaster on monday the Second day of August Next at two O Clock in the afternoon to Vote in town affairs (Viz)

1st To Chuse a moderator to Govern Said meeting

2d To See if the town will Chuse one or more persons to attend a County Convention to be holden at Worcester on the first tuesday of August Next as Recommended by the late State Convention holden at Concord

3d To See if the town will Accept of the proceedings of the late Convention Lately met at Concord as Recommended by the Said body

4th To See if the towns Come into any equal estimations in Regard to Raising Soldiers in the beginning of this unhappy War

Given under my hand & Seal this twenty sixth day of this instant July in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred & Seventy nine & in the Fourth year of the Independance of the United States of America

By Order of the Selectmen
Wm Greenleaf T. Clerk

Return of Augt Warrant 1779

Worcester ss Augt 2 1779 I have warned the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Towne of Sancaster by posting up a Warrant at each of the meeting houses Accordingly to Law

Wm Greenleaf T. Clerk

Proceeding of Augt meeting 1779

Sancaster Augt 2d 1779 at a Legall meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Said Town Regularly Assembled to Vote in town affairs & being met Voted Accordingly (Viz)

1st Voted & Chosen Joseph Reed Esqr Moderator to govern Said meeting

2d Voted & Accepted the proceedings of the Convention Lately held at Concord

3d Voted to Send a delegate or delegates to attend at Worcester on the Second (Tuesday) of this Instant Augt

4th Voted to Send two to attend at Worcester on the Convention to be Convened as above

5. Voted that Joseph Reed Esq & Ebenezer Allen be the Gentlemen to attend
Dy upon the Convention to be holden at Worcester the Second of August
6 Voted that the Captains now in being of the Respective Companies make a
Returne at our next Adjournment of what has been done by them or
Dy money in the Service of there Country from the first of the war to this time
17 Voted to adjourne this meeting to Monday the ninth of Aug at the Second
Parish Meeting Said towne at 10 Clock in the forenoon at the meeting house

Joseph Reed Esq Mod
Wm Greenleaf J. Clk

Lancaster Aug 9 1779 by an Adjournment of the towne meeting from Aug 2 1779 to the meeting house in the Second parish in Lancaster Adjournment of Aug meeting 1779
at 10 Clock in the forenoon the Inhabitants of the towne being met & Accordingly (Viz)
1 Voted to Chuse a Committee to examine the Returne of the Several Captains
Dy with Regard to Service done in the Defence of these United States
2 Voted that the above Committee Consist of nine Persons
3 Voted that Wm Greenleaf Nathaniel Babcock Joshua Sprague Capt Eph Wilder
and Wm Dennison Esqr be Chosen with the Six Captains to be the above
Committee
Dy
4 Voted that three of the above Committee be a Quorum with one Captain
Dy
5 Voted and Accepted a draught for Joshua Sprague's rolls Respecting the Officers
Dy Compensation
6 Voted to Adjourne this meeting to the first meeting house on Monday next
the 16 day at three Clock in the afternoon

Joseph Reed Moderator
Wm Greenleaf J. Clk

Worcester ss In the name & Government & People of the Massachusetts Bay — To the first Constable or other Inhabitant of the Town of Warrant for Aug meeting 1779
Lancaster that are Legally qualified to Vote in Towne affairs

Greeting

You are hereby Required & directed to meet at the meeting house in
the Second precinct in Lancaster on Monday the ninth day of
Aug next at 4 Clock in the afternoon to Vote & act in the
Affairs (Viz)
1 To Chuse a Moderator to Governe said meeting
2 To See if the Towne will Chuse one or more persons as delegates to attend upon a State
Convention to be Convened & holden at Cambridge on the first day of Sept
Next for the Sole purpose of framing a new Constitution
3 Voted To See if the Towne will Adapt any method with Regard to making
a towne Rate to Raise Money to pay the Soldiers there Fines & bounty &c

Given Under
My hand and Seale the twenty fourth of the instant July A one
Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Nine and in the fourth year
of the Independance of the United States of America

Wm Greenleaf J. Clk

By order of the Selectmen

Return of Augt Warrant 1779

Worcester ss. Augt 9th 1779 I have warned the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster by posting up a warrant at each of the meeting Houses according to law

Wm Greenleaf J. Clerk

Proceedings of Augt meeting 1779

Lancaster Augt 9th 1779 at a legall meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town Regularly assembled to vote in Town affairs and being met Voted (Accordingly) (Viz)

1. Voted & Chose Jos Reed Esqr Moderator to govern said meeting
2. Voted to send delegates to set in Convention to be held at Cambridge the first of Septr next
3. Voted to send three persons as delegates to attend at Cambridge the first day of Septr next to assist in forming a Constitution & form of Government
4. Voted that the three persons to attend as delegates at the Convention for the above purpose be Chosen by ballote
5. Voted & Chose Mr Ed Dunmore Esqr Capt Ephraim Wilder & Capt Wm Sumner to be the above delegates
6. Voted to Chuse two persons to attend at Concord upon the first Wednesday in Octo^{r} next
7. Voted & Sent for Reed Esqr 4 Gleazers Allens to attend on the Convention to be held on the first Wednesday in Octo^{r} next to be held at Concord
8. Voted & accepted the Report of the Committee for Raising the Soldiers for the Continental & Rhode Island Services
9. Voted to Raise £1179.6.3 to Replace the money that the Committee hired
10. Voted that the Town Taxe be made According to the last Province
11. Voted that the Town Assessors proceed to making the Town Rate Expeditously
12. Voted and dissolved this meeting

Jos Reed Moderator

Wm Greenleaf J. Clerk

Proceedings of the Adjournment of Augt meeting 1779

Lancaster Augt 16th 1779 By an adjournment of the Town meeting from Augt the Ninth 1779 to the meeting House in the first precinct in Lancaster at three o'Clock on the afternoon of the Inhabitants being met Voted Accordingly (Viz)

1. Voted & accepted the proceedings of the late County Convention held at Worcester
2. Voted that the proceedings of the above Convention be printed at Worcester
3. Mr Thomas Gates Deacon Elisha Wheeler & Josiah Brendall be Town
3. Voted to Chuse a Committee to Regulate prices within the Town and See the Proceedings of the late County Convention held at Worcester be complied with & Executed
4. Voted to make no additions of Town persons to the Standing Committee
5. Voted & Chose Josiah Wilder Samuel Sawtell Thomas Gates Peter Larkin Thomas Brooks Nathaniel Bailey Jabez Brooks Stephen Wilmans Samuel W. Benjamin and Silas Brown to be added to the Standing Committee for the above purpose
6. Voted that five of the Above Committee be a Quorum to act & transact the above Business of Stating the Town prices & seeing it Complyed with
7. Voted & Adjourned this meeting to the 30 day of Augt at the Second precinct at three o Clock in the afternoon at the meeting house

Jos Reed Moderator

Wm Greenleaf J. Clerk

Proceedings of the Adjournment of Augt meeting 1779

Lancaster Augt 30 1779 By an adjournment of the Town meeting from Augt 16th 1779 to the meeting House in the Lancaster at two o'Clock in the afternoon the Inhabitants being met Voted Accordingly (Viz)

1. Voted to Mend the Articles by Articles & where any Article is disputed to put it to Vote
2. Voted & accepted the Report of the Committee for fixing the prices of Sundry Articles in said towne
3. Voted that the Clerk of the Committee draw off said prices and put up in the Publick places as Copy of the Committee proceedings
4. Voted & dissolved this meeting

Jos. Reed Moderator
Wm. Greenleaf Town Clerk

Worcester ss. To Joshua Robbins a Constable of the Towne of Lancaster — Greeting

Warrant for Sept. meeting 1774

These are in the Name and government of the People of the State of the Massachusetts Bay — In Will & Require you forthwith to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants in your District in said Towne Qualified to Vote in towne affairs to meet at the meeting house in the First precinct in Lancaster on thursday the ninth day of Sept. Instant at one O Clock in the afternoone to Vote & Act in the following Articles (Viz)

1. To Chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting
2. To See what method the towne will Come into respecting Training men to be Sent to Providence Sent for by order of Comitty
3. To See if the towne will Chuse a Committee to hire mens for the future to Go into the Service and defence of this Country
4. To See if the towne will grant money to build & Repair bridges
5. To See if the towne will abate the Rates of Edward Root & Joshua Nichols For the year 1778

Given under my hand & Seale this Sixth day of Sept. Anno Domini One thousand Seven hundred & Seventy nine & in the fourth year of the Independence Of these United States of America

Wm. Greenleaf Town Clerk

By Order of the Selectmen

N.B. you are directed to make Returns of this warrant to the Selectmen On or before said day

Joshua Robbins Constable's Return of Sept. Warrant 1779

Worcester Sept. 6. 1779. By Virtue of this warrant I have warned all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants belonging to my district qualified to Vote in towne affairs to meet at the Meeting house in the first precinct in Lancaster upon the ninth day of this Instant Sept. at one O Clock in the Afternoon

Joshua Robbins Constable

Proceedings of Sept. meeting 1779

Lancaster Sept. 9th 1779 at a legall meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said towne Regularly Warned to meet this to Vote in towne affairs & being met Voted Accordingly (Viz)

1. Voted & Chosen Ebenezer Bush Moderator to Govern said meeting
2. Voted to hire the mens to go to Rhode Island Sent for by order of Committy 2d August
3. Voted to Chuse a Committee to hire the Above mens
4. Voted that the Selectmen with the Captains of Each Company be the above Committee

5 Voted not to Raise money to Repair or build Bridges at present

6 Voted to abate the Rates of Edward Rice for the year 1778

7 Voted to pass over Jabez Nichols Rates for the year 1778

8 Voted and dessolved this meeting

{Ebenezer Rice moderator
Wm Greenleaf Jr Clerk

Warrant for Oct. meeting 1779 (2)

Worcester ss In the name and Government & people of the Massachusetts Bay
To the free holders & other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster that are legally
Qualified to Vote in towne affairs (Greeting)
You are hereby Required (& directed) to meet
at the meeting house in the Second precinct in Said towne on monday the
Fourth of Octr next at one o Clock in the afternoon to Vote & Act as aforesaid (in town affairs, Viz)

1 To Chuse a moderator to Governe Said meeting

2 To act upon a petition of the Committee of Correspondance & others
Respecting the distressed Situation of the Inhabitants of Boston
For want of provition

3 To act on transact any matter or things (relating) there to

Given under my
Hand & Seale this twentieth day of the Instant Sept in the year of our Lord
One thousand Seven hundred & seventy nine & in the fourth year of
the Independance of these United States of America

By order of the Selectmen

Wm Greenleaf Jr Clerk

Return of Warrant 1779

Worcester ss Octr 4th 1779 I have warned the free holders & other Inhabitants
Of the towne of Lancaster by posting up a warrant at each of the meet
ing houses according to law

Wm Greenleaf Jr Clerk

Moderator & Clerk Choosen 1779

Lancaster Octr 4th 1779 at a legall meeting of the free holders and other
Inhabitants of Said towne Regularly Assembled to Vote in town affairs
And being met Voted Accordingly (Viz)

1 Voted & Choose Ephraim Wilder Moderator to governe Said meeting

2 Voted to Chuse a Committe to Supply the Inhabitants of Boston through
there Committe with the Necessiance of life where Called upon by Said
Committee at Boston and to Receive into Lancaster Supplyes Accordingly
From your Committe

3 Voted that the Committe of Correspondance with the addition of Seven to
the Above Committe

4 Voted & Choosed Capt Wm Putnam Capt David Osgood Deacon Samuel
Thurston Nathaniel Bad Mr Hathorn & Capt John White in
Addition to the Above Committe of Correspondance

5 Voted that the town Clerk & Selectmen of Lancaster in forme the committee of
Boston of the proceedings of the towne meeting as Above

6 Voted that either of the Above Committe have power to grant Coll feats

7 Voted and dessolved this meeting to the meting house in the first precinct
In Lancaster upon the 18 day this Instant Octr at one o Clock in the afternoon

{Ephraim Wilder moderator
Wm Greenleaf Jr Clerk

Lancaster Oct.r 16 1779 By an Adjournment of the town meeting from Oct.r 14 1779 to the meeting house in the first precinct in Lancaster at one o'Clock afternoon the Inhabitants being met Voted Accordingly (Viz)

Proceedings of the Adjournment of Oct.r meeting 1779

1st Voted and Adjourn this meeting to three o'Clock this afternoon at the place

On Adjournment of the meeting) till three o'Clock this afternoon the Inhabitants being met Voted Accordingly (Viz)

1st Voted and dissolved this meeting

Ephraim Wilder Moder.r
Wm Greenleaf T. Clerk

Worcester ss To William Sook a Constable of the town of Lancaster Greeting

Warrant for Oct.r meeting 1779

In the name and Government and people of the State of the Massachusetts Bay To will & Require you forthwith to warn all the freeholders & other inhabitants in your district in said town Qualified to Vote in town affairs To meet at the meeting house in the said precinct in Lancaster on Thursday the 21st day of Oct.r instant at Nine o'Clock in the forenoon to act & Vote in town affairs & following Articles (Viz)

1st To Choose a moderator to Govern said meeting

2d To Receive the proceedings of the Convention at Concord

3d To Chuse a Committee to see said Resolves Complyed with by the Inhabitants of this town

4th To See what method the town will take to Raise more for Cloathing Recruits

5th To grant Widows of Oct.r 9th 1779 Instant

6th To Raise money to pay Soldiers for going in to the Service

7th To See if the town will abate Mrs Elizabeth Campbells & others Rates

8th To See if the town will pay the officers cagueys to the privates Soldiers for going to Cloverack

9th To See if the town will Chuse a Committee to hire more to go into the Service for the future

To Act or transact any thing or matter Relateing thereto you are directed to make due Return of this warrant to me in the your doings thereon on or before said day

Given under my hand & Seal this nineteenth day of Oct.r instant & in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy nine & in the fourth year of the Independance of the United States of America

Wm Greenleaf T. Clerk

By order of the Selectmen

Worcester ss Oct.r 21st 1779 by Vertue of the within warrant I have warned all the freeholders & other Inhabitants to appear at time & place in the same directed

Return of Oct.r meeting Warrant 1779

Will.m Sook Constable

Lancaster Oct.r 21st 1779 at a legall meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town Regularly Assembled to Vote in town affairs and being met Voted Accordingly (Viz)

Proceedings of said meeting 1779

1st Voted & Chosen Capt.n Solomon Lewis Moderator to Govern said meeting)

2d Voted & Accepted of the proceedings of the Committee with Regard to hiring Soldiers

3. Voted that the Committee be directed to pay the Soldiers one month's pay
Before they march for Cambridge
Dy
4. Voted & abated Daniel Fanning & Isaac Hatchell Rides
Dy
5. Voted that the Commissioned officers be Assisted to provided to a Draught upon
there Respective Companies incase the Committe Cant hire the Same as the
Towne have Voted the Remainder part of the Soldiers that went to Cambridge
Dy
6. Voted that the Selectmen & the Seven Captains be desired to Stand as a Com=
mittee to hire Soldiers for the Towne untill the Last mentioned is Compleated
Dy
7. Voted and Adjourned this meeting for one hour & a half to meet at the Same
Upon an adjournment of this meeting to this place the Inhabitants
Being met Voted Accordingly (Viz)
1. Voted to Raise the Sume of £6381. to pay the Soldiers for going into the Service
Dy
2 Voted that the Selectmen be directed to make the Rate for the above Sume
Immediately
Dy
3 Voted & Adjourned this meeting the meeting house in the forth
Precinct the 8 day Novr next at one O Clock in the afternoon

{ Solomon Sewall Mod^r
{ Wm Greenleaf Cl^k

Proceedings of the Adjournment of Novr meeting 1779

Lancaster Novr 8th 1779 By an Adjournment of this meeting from Octr 28th 1779
to the meeting house in the forth precinct in Lancaster at one O Clock in the
afternoon of the Inhabitants being met Voted Accordingly (Viz)
1. Voted & Accepted the proceedings of the late Convention at Concord
2 Voted to Chuse a Committee to See the Regulations of the Convention Complyed
With within this Towne
Dy
3. Voted to Chuse None as the above Committee
Dy
4. Voted & Chose Doc Cyprian Fairbanks Capt Nathaniel Baldwin Ebenezer Allen
Capt Jonathan Wilder John Prentice Capt Benj^a Richardson Joseph Reed
Esqr Capt Daniel Sigourney & Mr Levi Stone to be the above Committee
Dy
5. Voted to Chuse a Committee to State the prizes within the Towne that has
Not been Stated Rated by Convention
Dy
6. Voted to Chuse five for the above Committee
Dy
7. Voted & Chose Mr Benjamin Houghton Jabez Brooks Samuel Thurston
Nathaniel White & Jonah Kendall Junr to the above Committee
8 Voted and Adjourned this meeting to the 22 day of Novr at the Second precinct
at the meeting house at one of the Clock in the afternoon

{ Solomon Sewall Mod^r
{ Wm Greenleaf Cl^k

Proceeding of the Adjournment of Novr meeting 1779

Lancaster Novr 22^d 1779 by an Adjournment of this meeting from Novr 8th 1779
to the meeting house in the Second precinct in Lancaster at one of the
Clock in the afternoon of the Inhabitants of the Towne being met Voted
Accordingly (Viz)
1. Voted to Suspend the proceedings of the Towne meeting for the present Respecting
the Last meeting with Regard to a Regulation Agreed upon at the
Convention Lately Held at Concord
Dy
2 Voted and dissolved this meeting

{ Solomon Sewall Moderator
{ Wm Greenleaf Cl^k

Worcester ss. In the Name & by Authority of the State of the Massachusetts Bay

To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster that are legally qualified to Vote in Town Affairs

You are hereby Required & directed to meet at the meeting house in Said Town on monday the 8th of Novr next at One Clock in the afternoon to Vote & act on the following Articles (Viz)

1. To Chuse a moderator to Govern Said meeting
2. To See if the Town will grant the petition of Wm Sumner and Others Respectfully Laid before Said Town
3. To Receive the Report of the Committee Respecting an equal Estimation
4. To Act or transact any thing or matter Relating to Said meeting

Given under My hand & Seal this twenty fifth day of Octr in the year of our Lord. One thousand Seven hundred & Seventy nine and in the fourth year of the Independance of the United States of America

By order of the Selectmen

Wm Greenleaf T. Clerk

Warrant for Novr meeting 1779

Worcester ss. Novr 8th 1779. I have warned the freeholders & other Inhabitants By posting a warrant at each of the meeting houses according to Law

Wm Greenleaf T. Clerk

Return of Novr Warrant 1779

Lancaster Novr 8th 1779 at a Legall meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said Town Regularly Assembled to Vote in Town Affairs and being met Voted accordingly (Viz)

1. Voted & Chose Capt Solomon Sewall Moderator to Govern Said meeting
2. Voted & Adjourned the meeting to three O Clock this afternoon at this Place Upon an Adjournment of this meeting as above the Inhabitants being met Voted Accordingly (Viz)
3. Voted and Adjourned this meeting to the 22 of Novr at the meeting House in the Second precinct in Lancaster at two O Clock in the afternoon

Solomon Sewall Moder
Wm Greenleaf T. Clerk

Proceedings of Novr meeting 1779

Lancaster Novr 22d 1779 by an Adjournment of this meeting from Novr 8th 1779 to the meeting House in the Second precinct in Lancaster at two O Clock in the afternoon the Inhabitants being met Voted Accordingly (Viz)

1. Voted and Adjourned this meeting for half an hour then to meet at this place Agreable to the above Adjournment the Inhabitants being met Voted Accordingly (Viz)
2. Voted not to accept of the Report of the Committee (after Examining and Estimations
3. Voted and Dissolved this meeting

Solomon Sewall Moder
Wm Greenleaf T. Clerk

Proceedings of Novr meeting 1779

Warrant for first meeting 1780 Feb

Worcester ss To the Name & Government and people of the Massachusetts Bay
To the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster that are legally
Qualified to vote in town affairs ... Greeting
You are hereby required and directed to
Meet at the meeting house in the Second precinct in Lancaster on Wednesday the twelfth day of Jan.y Next. at nine o Clock in the forenoon
To vote & act in Town affairs (Viz)
1st To Chuse a moderator to Govern Said meeting
2d To See if the town will Excuse the Selectmen from being a Committee
for Procuring Rights for the Soldiers & Chuse another Committee for the
above purpose
3d To See if the town will Chuse a Committee to hire Soldiers for the future other
Sent for by the Generale Assembly
4th To See if the town will Grant the petitions of Edgar Bemans & other
Respecting there being set off to Shrewsbury
5th To See if the town will allow the Rate of Thirteen Pounds for
Service Expenses Rec.d by Benjamine Mann Stephen Ordway (Capt Stephen
Sawyer & Jona.s Bixby) for the year 1778
6th To See if the town will Grant the petitions of the Widd.w Ruth Farmer
Respecting building her a house
7th To See what method the town will Act on for procuring Blankets
For the Continental Soldiers agreable to Order of the Gen.l Assemble
Of Dec.r 7 1779
Given under our hand & Seals this twenty Eighth day
Of Dec.r 1779 (in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & Seventy nine
and in the fourth year of the Independance of the United States of America)

Nath.l Beamans
Capt.n Wilder
Mon.h Sawyer
Jona.s Houghton
} Selectmen of Lancaster

Returne of Warrant 1780

Worcester ss Jan.y 12th 1780: we have warned the freeholders and other
Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster by posting up a warrant
at Each of the meeting houses Accordingly to Each

Capt.n Wilder
Man.l Sawyer
Jona.s Houghton
} Selectmen of Lancaster

Proceedings of meeting 1780

Lancaster Jan.y 12th 1780 at a legale meeting of the freeholders
And other Inhabitant of Said Towne The qualify'd as Voted to Vote
In town affairs & being met Voted Accordingly (Viz)
1st Voted & Chose Capt Jonathan Wilder moderator to govern Said meeting
2d Voted & Chose Josiah Swett Clerk P.T.
3d Voted & adjourned this meeting to 12 O Clock this day at this place
12 O Clock met According to adjournment & Voted to adjourne this
Meeting to the 31st day of this Instant Jan.y at 10 O Clock in the
Forenoon to meet at this place

Jonathan Wilder moderator
Josiah Swett Clerk P.T.

Proceedings of the adjournment of first meeting 1780

Lancaster Jany 31st 1780. by an adjournment of this meeting from Jany the 12 1780. to the meeting house in the South precinct in Lancaster abt 10 O Clock in the afternoon forenoon. the Inhabitants of the town being met Voted Accordingly (Viz)

1. N.D. to adjourn this meeting till 1 O Clock at this place.
The Inhabitants being met according to adjournment Voted Accordingly (Viz)
2. Voted not to Act upon the warrant at this time.
3. Voted and dismissed this meeting.

Jonathan Wilder moderator
Wm Greenleaf Town Clerk

Worcester ss. In the Name of the Government & People of the Massachusetts Bay

Warrant for a Meeting March 6th 1780

To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster that are Legally qualified to vote in Town Affairs. Greeting

You are hereby required & directed to meet at the meeting House on the first Precinct in Lancaster on Monday ye 20th day of March next at nine o Clock in ye forenoon to Vote in Town Affairs. Viz

1. To Choose a Moderator to Govern ye Meeting
2. To Choose Town Officers for ye ensuing Year
3. To Grant Money to Defray Town Charges ye ensuing Year
4. To see what Sum the Town will grant for repairing Highways, & building & repairing Bridges, & to ascertain ye Price of Labour of Men, Oxen, Horses & Utensils for ye ensuing Year
5. To see what sum the Town will Grant to be Schooled in the Town ye ensuing Year.
6. To see what method the Town will adopt with regard to keeping ye Common School ye ensuing Year
7. To see if the Town will Choose a Committee to hire Soldiers for ye future when sent for by ye General Assembly
8. To see if the Town will grant ye Petition of the Widow Ruth Farmer respecting building her a House &c
9. To see if the Town will allow to Jon^{a} Bailey, the Rater of Col Josiah Lamed Stephen Sanderway, Joseph Sawtell, Benj^{a} Wiley, Manasseh Powers, Thomas Farren, & Jonas Bailey for ye Year 1778
10. To see if the Town will grant to Edward Fuller ye Rate of his Son Ignatius Sawtell of the Rate to Jonas Fairbank Feby 1779
11. To see if the Town will discontinue that part of the old Road that leads from ye Heirs of Abr Wilder, to Zeph Sawyers beginning at ye End of ye Lane by ye Said Wilders, & accept of ye Road where it is now laid, in lieu of ye old One
12. To see if the Town will allow ye Town Treasurer a Commission for his Trouble for ye future
13. To see if ye Town will Vote that all Money raised by Tax to defray Charges of Ministry & meeting Highways & Bridges be worked out & expended in cash Procured & Paid out & Raised
14. To see if the Town will allow to Jonas Fairbank, the Rater of Joseph Abbot, Jeremiah Ballard, Moses Wood, Joseph Wilder, Thos Powers, Caleb Bonemen Jun Nathaniel Sawtell, Ebenezer Henry Winchester, Peter Adams Jun & Oliver Bamberd

Given under my Hand & Seal this Nineteenth Day of February in ye Year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred & Seventy Eight & in ye Fourth Year of the Independency of ye United States of America

William Greenleaf Town Clerk

By Order of the Selectmen

Worcester ss March 6th 1780 I have warned ye Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, to meet at ye Time & Place by posting up a Warrant at each of ye Meeting Houses according to Law

Test Wm Greenleaf Town Clerk

Return of Warrant March 6th 1780

Proceedings of Marsh. Meeting 1780

Lancaster March 6 1780 — At a Legal Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, at the Meeting House in s^d Town Proceeded as followeth — Viz —

1st — Chose Capt Ephraim Wilder Moderator to Govern s^d Meeting —

2d — Voted & Accepted the Selectmens Accompts —

3d — Voted & Chose Capt Eph^m Greenleaf — Town Clerk —

4th — Voted to Choose 5 Selectmen for ye Ensuing Year —

5th — Voted & Chose — Capt Eph^m Greenleaf, Capt Sol^o Wilder, Nathaniel Beaman, Joel Houghton, Manasseh Sawyer — Selectmen —

6th — Voted & Accepted the Assessors Accompts —

7th — Voted & Chose — Doc^r Cyrus Fairbank — Town Treasurer —

8th — Voted to Choose 4 Assessors for ye Ensuing Year —

9th — Voted & Chose — Cyrus Sprague, Hezron Sawyer, Nathaniel Beaman, Jon^a Nelson Junr — Assessors —

10th — Voted to Choose 5 Overseers of ye Poor —

11th — Voted & Chose — Ebenezer Allen, Jabez Fairbank, Josiah Kendall Junr, Joshua Fletcher, Capt Saml Ward — Overseers of the Poor —

12th — Voted that ye Overseers proceed as they did the last Year with the Selectmen in order for a Settlement at ye End of this Year —

13th — Voted & Chose Joseph Howell Constable for ye North Side ye River in ye 1st Precinct —

14th — Voted & Chose Frederick Allen Constable for ye South Side ye River in ye 1st Precinct —

15th — Voted & Chose Saml Innes Constable for ye north Side in ye Second Precinct —

16th — Voted & Chose Manasseh Sawyer for ye South Side in ye Second Precinct —

17th — Voted & accepted of Josiah Stockbridge as Constable in ye Room of Samuel Jones —

18th — Voted & Chose — James Richardson, Samuel Thurston, Thomas Gates, Capt Luke Wilder, Capt Benj^a Richardson — Committe of Inspection & Correspondency —

19th — Voted & Chose — Timothy Wright Junr, Moses Sawyer, Jonathan Bailey, Ebn^r Sike — Wardens —

20th — Voted & Chose — Silas Scarycant, Wm Hastey, Bozard Robbins, Nathaniel Eaton, Witham Wilder, Elijah Ball, Jonas Fairbank Junr, Luke Wilder — Highway Surveyors 1st Precinct

21st — Voted & Chose — Amos Jewet, Eaton Loring, Ebenezer Hoss, Calvin Moor, Jabez Brooks, Benj^a Richardson, Jonathan Bailey Junr, Joseph Lewes — Highway Surveyors 2d Precinct

22d Voted & Chose — William Whitcomb junr, Jonathan Hoskings, Jabez Rogers, Ebenezer Wilder — Field Drivers

23d Voted & Chose — John White junr, Cyrus Fairbank, James Richardson, Edward Baldwin — Fence Viewers

24th Voted & Chose — Samuel Wilder junr, Jona Wilder — Cutters of Stones

25th Voted & Chose — Josiah Carter, Ebenr Brooks — Sealers of Leather

26th Voted & Chose — Cyrus Fairbank, Moses Sawyer — Beer Reeves

27th Voted & Chose — Benjamen Houghton, Samuel Rice — Fish Reeves

28th Voted & Chose — Benj: Houghton, Capt Daniel Rugg, James Carruthers, Moses Bourpee, Joseph Fairbank, Royer Bartlett — Tything Men

29th Voted & Chose — Thomas Gates — Sealer of Weights & Measures

30th Voted & Chose — Capt Benj: Richardson Grand jurriman for y present Year

31st Voted that y Names, Laid before y Town as Voted Grand jurors be put into y Grand Juror Book — at Whereas y Law Requires Voted by y Select Mens Book

32d Voted to adorn y Town Liver a Consideration for y Grand on Juries

33d Voted to Choose a Committe to hire Soldiers for y Future when Sent for by y General Assembly

34th Voted to adjourn this Meeting to y 3d Day of this Instant March at nine O Clock fore noon in y Second Precinct in Lancaster

Ephraim Wilder Moderator
Wm Greenleaf Town Clerk

Adjournment of March Meeting 1780

Lancaster March 8 1780. We an Adjournment of the Town Meeting from March y 6th to y Meeting House in the Second Precinct in Lancaster at nine O Clock in y forenoon, the Inhabitants being Met, Voted as Followeth

1st Upon Sol Greenleaf declining to serve as Town Clerk, Voted & Chose Josiah Town Clerk

2d Upon Sol Greenleaf, Capt Ephm Wilder, Joel Houghton & Manasah Sawyer's declining to serve as Select Men, Voted by Chose Capt Benj: Richardson, Josiah Wendall Esqr, Capt Samuel Sawyer & Josiah Learnard Selectmen

3d Voted to raise 7000 Pounds to Defray Town Charges the Ensuing Year

4th Voted to raise 6000 Pounds, for mending Highways, Bridges & repairing Bridges the Year ensuing

5th Voted that y Price of Men Labour be 6 pounds pr Day till y first of March Next, Oxen, and Utensils to be in Proportion

6th Voted to passover the 5 Article in the Warrant, relating to granting Money for Schooling till May Meeting

7th Voted to pass over the 6th Article in the Warrant till May Meeting

8th Voted that the Tith Officers in common to this Town, with the Commanders of the respective Companies, be for a committ to have Tokens for the future, when sent for by the General Court

9th Voted to pass over the 9th Article in the Warrant at present

10th Voted to pass over the 10th Article in the Warrant at present

11th Voted to accept of the 11th Article in the Warrant, concerning a Road from the Widdow Forbes to Joseph Sawyers

12th Voted that all Money granted & to be raised to Defray Charges of mending & making Bridges & Highways, be over & out & Expended in each Precinct it is Spaid or Raised

13th Voted to allow to Amos Fairbank the Tax on Josiah Willard and Jeremiah Ballard - Widow Osgood, Joseph Wilkins and Gideon Barnard

14th Voted to pass over for the Present with regard to Joseph Whitmores rates

15th Voted to pass over as the Law at present with regard to Thomas Prentice Heirs Rates

16th Voted to pass over for the present with regard to Peter Manning's Rates

17th Voted to Dismiss Josiah Sawell from being a Selectman the Present Year

Voted Moses Sawyer for a Selectman

19 Voted & Adjourned this Meeting to the third Monday in May at two O Clock at this Place

Ephraim Wilder Moderator

Entered by Josiah Sawell Jr. Clerk

(Prudential Book of the Town of Lancaster 1789

Here follows an Account of the Prudentials of the Town of Lancaster, with Cyrus Fairbank Town Treasurer,

Cyrus Fairbank Town Treasurer to the Town of Lancaster Dr.

To Balance Due from P. Treasurer as appears on Book of Records in S. Town £ 5739-9-3

To 16th Rate from P. Treasurer to the Town for the Year 1779 23357-3-

£ 29096-12-3

Contra Cr.

By Sundry Orders drawn on P. Treasurer viz

An Order	in Favour of		
No	No	Stephen Wilder	£ 1-16-0
No	No	Edmund Larkin	67-4-0
No	No	Josiah Albert	2-8-
No	No	Martin Osgood	32-14-
No	No	Daniel Goss	6-18-6
No	No	John Prescot	2-16-
No	No	Do	2-12-
No	No	Levi Moor	9-2-
No	No	Do	2-
No	No	Do	22-6-
No	No	Do	4-1-
No	No	Do	2-
No	No	Do	19-8-
No	No	Nath. Sawyer Jr.	3-12-
No	No	Do	1-16-
No	No	Cyrus Fairbank	3-19-8
No	No	Josiah Wilder	4-2-3
No	No	Do	1-10-
No	No	John Scarcraft	1-4-
No	No	Levi Moor	3-
No	No	John Thurston	3-9-
No	No	Silas Flint	4-10-
No	No	Joel Osgood	14-14-
No	No	Peter Larkin	2-4-
No	No	Josiah Ballard	14-9-

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By an Order from		Sums wrought up	£		
Do	on Treasurers	Samuel Shurtleff	6		
Do	Do	Silas Lankton	7		
Do	Do	Moses Sawyer	7	6	
Do	Do	Henry Moor	13	4	10
Do	Do	Abel Allen	4	4	
Do	Do	Tho° Tolbot	2		
Do	Do	Abigal Fairbank	1	16	
Do	Do	John Prescot	4		8
Do	Do	Luke & Phil Tilden	8		
Do	Do	Elijah Ball	8		
Do	Do	Jotham Seargeant	9	9	
Do	Do	Jonathan Thompson	111	16	7
Do	Do	Samuel Foster	1	4	
Do	Do	John Carter	1	16	
Do	Do	Nathan Rugg	12		
Do	Do	Benj: Hazeltine	1	10	
Do	Do	Do	13	18	
Do	Do	John Rugg	6	13	7
Do	Do	Nathan Rugg	15	18	
Do	Do	Peter Fordham	68	15	
Do	Do	Ebenezer Stiles	2	10	
Do	Do	Do	11	14	9
Do	Do	Do	13		
Do	Do	Do	1	1	
Do	Do	Elisha Allen	1	2	
Do	Do	Jotham Tilden	4	8	
Do	Do	Do	68	5	
Do	Do	Jacob Tilden	14	4	7
Do	Do	Duncan Fairbanks	7	12	4
Do	Do	Do	1	4	
Do	Do	Tho° Gates	1	10	
Do	Do	Joshua Hobbes	16	10	
Do	Do	Do	36	13	
Do	Do	Thos Gates	82		
Do	Do	Josiah Wilder	71	1	
Do	Do	Josiah Wilder	6	6	
Do	Do	Wm Tousher	1	2	
Do	Do	Do	2		
Do	Do	Joshua Hobbes	13	7	10
Do	Do	Daniel Rugg	70	15	6
Do	Do	Ebenr Stiles	9	14	6
Do	Do	Josiah Bennet	6	8	4
Do	Do	Wm Tucker	9	0	
Do	Do	Do	1	10	0
Do	Do	Edward Hobbes	18		
Do	Do	James Carter	1	4	
Do	Do	Gardener Wilder	12		
Do	Do	Do	57	1	8
Do	Do	Ebenr Stiles	17	17	8
Do	Do	Thos Brooks	1	4	
Do	Do	Israel Moor	1		
Do	Do	Do	20		
Do	Do	Hiram Prescot	16	10	
Do	Do	Israel Moor	6		
Do	Do	Mical Fairbanks	58		
Do	Do	Tilley Lillibridge	26	2	
Do	Do	Israel Moor	4		
Do	Do	Do	18		
Do	Do	Maria & Sawyer	11	16	
Do	Do	Benj: Richardson	360	10	
Do	Do	Micah Fairbanks	17	5	6
Do	Do	Do	74	2	10
Do	Do	Do	30	6	0
Do	Do	Do	20	17	0
Do	Do	Jon: Moor	13	4	0
Do	Do	Jabez Fairbanks	13	13	
Do	Do	Jon: Moor	3	16	
Do	Do	Eph: Powers	9	8	
Do	Do	Moses Sawyer	5		
Do	Do	Oliver Sawyer	17	8	
Do	Do	Aaron Sawyer	23	6	2
			38	12	

Carried Over £

Purpose	Order	on Favour of		
		Aaron Sawyer	72	15
		Abby Stickney	24	9 3
		Joseph Sawyer	10	8
		Ebenr Frost	4	10
		Do	4	8
		Do	2	11
		Hiram & Percival	142	
		Roman Kendal	24	
		Thael Hoar	30	6
		Aaron Sawyer	94	
		Nathan Farrow	163	6 8
		Thael Hoar	31	2
		Elka Chick	11	19
		Do	1	16
		Do	108	2 4
		Do	12	7
		Do	30	
		Do	16	
		John Farmer	9	14
		Hannah Lord	1	4
		Jona Whitney	86	11
		Do	2	9
		Ephraim Kendal	9	10 9
		Nath Chick	20	
		Joshua Chick Jur	4	10
		Joshua Fletcher	5	11
		Nath Bath	1	4
		Ezekel Philips	19	11
		Daniel Wallo	4	1 6
		Nath Bearman	1	16
		Ephraim Fellman	3	6
		Reuben Leppingwell	7	11
		David Hartley	1	
		Joseph Chick	3	4
		Wm Phelps	6	
		Jona Kendal	1	4
		Wm Greenleaf	1	4
		Joseph Plummer	1	16
		Aaron Thurlo	1	10
		Aaron Thrasher	33	8
		John Chick	21	6
		Edward Hobbins	9	7 4
		David Hartley	16	
		Reuben Leppingwell	9	
		Edward Hobbins	2	14
		Wm Farmer	1	16
		James Knight	13	
		Daniel Hoyt	132	14 10
		James Knight	6	18 6
		Jesse Hoyt	98	17 4
		Daniel Wallo	34	17 9
		Wm Kendal	29	14
		Nath Bearman	21	16
		Wm Kendal	18	10
		Wm Greenleaf	3	19
		Nathaniel Thayer	6	14 6
		Joseph Goff	1	1
		Ebenr Bell	3	4
		Thos Brooks	4	10 10
		Thos Sawyer	5	4 8
		Robert Hibbert	5	17
		Nathan Farrow	38	8
		Wm Bearmore	4	
		Edward Norton	7	
		Jona Moor	24	4 2
		Jona Percival	2	
		Jona Hazelgrave	3	6
		Ethan Kendal	46	18
		Elkins Littlejohns	1	4
		Jona Wade	4	
		Northampton Paper	3	2

Carried up

Disbursements		Sum Brought up			
Do	in Favour of	Jacob Heath	3	4	
Do	Do	Mana[sh] Sawyer	2	17	
Do	Do	Tristram Percival	3	10	
Do	Do	Abner Wilder	1		
Do	Do	Abigal Sawyer	1	4	
Do	Do	Miriam Percival	1	2	
Do	Do	Joseph Hansel	4		
Do	Do	Caleb Fairbank	1	4	
Do	Do	Joseph Fairbank	1	16	
Do	Do	Tho[s] Fairbank		16	
Do	Do	Abner Wilder	7	8	
Do	Do	Oliver Fairbank	1	14	
Do	Do	Ab Smith		6	
Do	Do	Saml Thurston	2		
Do	Do	Jon[a] Percival	24	6	
Do	Do	Micah Hartham	5	16	
Do	Do	Do	7	10	
Do	Do	Ezekiel Merrion	4	2	
Do	Do	Benj[a] Richardson	4	14	
Do	Do	Joseph Whitcher	4		
Do	Do	John Glezier	1	4	
Do	Do	David Hinch	6		
Do	Do	Joseph Whitcomb	7	14	
Do	Do	Sam[l] Rice	1	16	
Do	Do	Oliver Sawyer	4	1	4
Do	Do	Jacob Wilder	6		
Do	Do	Aaron Sawyer	3	12	
Do	Do	Josiah Moor	23	16	
Do	Do	Josiah Kendal	1	16	
Do	Do	Jock: Leger	3	12	
Do	Do	John[a] Scarlon	4		
Do	Do	Jonas Mosier	8	12	
Do	Do	Aaron Sawyer	8	10	10
Do	Do	Jon[a] Moor	4	14	3
Do	Do	Jonas Mosier	2	14	0
Do	Do	Tho[s] Sawyer	6	16	
Do	Do	Edward Newton	7	4	
Do	Do	James Kendal	7	4	
Do	Do	Wm Summore	2	17	
Do	Do	Sam[l] Kay		2	8
Do	Do	Jon[a] Percival	7	14	
Do	Do	Theodorus Moor	4		
Do	Do	Ferres Moor	4		
Do	Do	Mana[sh] Sawyer	13	11	
Do	Do	Tho[s] Moor	7	8	
Do	Do	Tho[s] Moor	9	4	
Do	Do	Ab Wilder	1	12	
Do	Do	Joshua Brooks	1		
Do	Do	Ethan Kendal	1		
Do	Do	Sam[l] Kendal		1	4
Do	Do	Mana[sh] Sawyer	17	7	6
Do	Do	Wm Whitney	48	19	
Do	Do	Mana[sh] Sawyer	66	18	
Do	Do	Jarshel Mosier	22	4	
Do	Do	Fortunatus Lovet	19	1	6
Do	Do	John Lovett	13	16	
Do	Do	Fortunatus Lovet	16	18	
Do	Do	Abner Wilder	4	15	
Do	Do	Abigal Sawyer	24	1	
Do	Do	Fortunatus Lovet	15	18	
Do	Do	Jacb Hanson	6	5	5
Do	Do	Ezekiel Merrion	5	1	9
Do	Do	Edward Newton	22	5	
Do	Do	Nathan Ferrens	48	12	
Do	Do	Joshua Kendal	18		
Do	Do	Abigal Sawyer	108	16	
Do	Do	Jon[a] Percival	13	15	6
Do	Do	John Glezier	14	12	8
Do	Do	James Kendal	63	12	
Do	Do	John Brooks	106		
Do	Do	Rebeckah Harris	15	18	
Do	Do	James Richardson	204		
		Carried Over			

		Sum brought over	£
Pay an Order	in Treasurers of	Josiah Hazelt	2
Do	Do	Silas Palmer	49 " 1
Do	Do	Phineas Bearman	36 " 4 " 4
Do	Do	Joel Hotchkiss	30
Do	Do	Phineas Bearman	11 " 12
Do	Do	Do	12 " 12
Do	Do	Jon.a Nelson Jun.r	76 " 9
Do	Do	Phineas Bearman	22
Do	Do	Nath.l Wright	40 " 10
Do	Do	James Thelander	18 "
Do	Do	Sol.n Alden	6
Do	Do	Silas Palmer	3
Do	Do	Joseph Reed	77 " 10
Do	Do	Joel Houghton	6
Do	Do	Nath.l Houghton	171 " 10 " 6
Do	Do	Jon.a Whitcomb	60 " 0
Do	Do	Ab.a Rugg	36
Do	Do	Joseph Kilburn	57
Do	Do	Joshua Sawyer	7 " 6 " 4
Do	Do	Do	3 " 12
Do	Do	Do	24
Do	Do	Sol.n Bacon	3 " 4
Do	Do	Benj.a Roper	1 " 1
Do	Do	Sol.n Whitney	18 " 10 7
Do	Do	Nathan Burpee	3 " 4
Do	Do	Caleb Whitney	12
Do	Do	David Jewett	7
Do	Do	David Good	7 " 12 " 7
Do	Do	Do	4 " 4
Do	Do	Nath.l Wright	2 " 4
Do	Do	Josiah Houghton	16 " 17
Do	Do	Joseph Lewis	1 " 2
Do	Do	Jarvis Richardson	1 " 4
Do	Do	David Melvin	3 " 5
Do	Do	Nath.l Putnam	3 " 14
Do	Do	Do	20 " 17
Do	Do	Amos Jewett	4
Do	Do	Jon.a Alder	2 " 14
Do	Do	Sam.l Sawyer	5 " 1
Do	Do	Sam.l Holman	1
Do	Do	Dan.l Putnam	12
Do	Do	Joel Houghton	6 " 1
Do	Do	Jon.a Wilder Jr.	5 " 13 10
Do	Do	Jon.a Nelson	1
Do	Do	Wm Putnam	18 " 16 " 6
Do	Do	Mercy Wilder	2
Do	Do	Lydia Hopkins	1
Do	Do	Nath.l Wright	3 " 16 " 6
Do	Do	Hannah Sawyer	10
Do	Do	Isa.c Wright	1 " 16
Do	Do	Nath.l Wright	1 " 1
Do	Do	Joshua Sawyer	2 " 18
Do	Do	Silas Roper	1 " 16
Do	Do	Jon.a Wilder	5 "
Do	Do	Isa.c Ho[illegible]	3 " 16
Do	Do	Moses Cooper	3 " 1 " 6
Do	Do	Joseph Kilburn	1 " 16
Do	Do	Sam.l Bradley Jr.	3 " 12
Do	Do	Joseph Kilburn	7 " 16 " 2
Do	Do	Ab.a Whitcomb	4 " 2
Do	Do	Phineas Bearman	2 " 18
Do	Do	Joseph Kilburn	42
Do	Do	Do	2 " 6
Do	Do	Daniel Robbins	5 " 9
Do	Do	Do	2 " 11
Do	Do	Sam.l Sawyer	4
Do	Do	Solomon Holman	12
Do	Do	Moses Burpee	18
Do	Do	Joseph Gerry	5 " 8
Do	Do	John Robbins	18
Do	Do	Ab.a Whitcomb	29
Do	Do	Josiah Kendall Jr.	5 " 15
Do	Do	Do	5 " 15
Do	Do	Joseph Gerry	2 " 3 6
Do	Do	Josiah Kendall Jr.	7
Do	Do	Joshua Hotchkiss	19 " 8 " 6
		Carried up	

By an Order	in Favour of	Sums brought up		
Do		Bartholomew Scarson	2	
Do		Joshua Fletcher	4	
Do		Do	16	8 2
Do		Do	24	7
Do		Josiah Kendal Jr	4	8
Do		Sarah Stewart	1	2
Do		Solomon Stuard		
Do		Ephraim Thorpe	5	
Do		Jon.a Bailey	4	1
Do		Oliver Somers	37	10
Do		Eph.m Roper	23	12
Do		Oliver Somers	6	1
Do		Jon.a Bailey	1	12
Do		Nath.l Houghton	1	4
Do		Jacob Rokburn	1	10
Do		Eph.m Roper	15	2
Do		Solomon Sonet	8	14
Do		Do	6	5
Do		James Richardson	13	
Do		Joel Houghton	12	16 9
Do		Jonathan Bailey	3	8
Do		Nathaniel Wright	70	18
Do		Joseph Lewis	53	10
Do		Wm Swinam	63	14
Do		Thomas Wilder	3	6
Do		Nathaniel Wright	54	10
Do		David Sonet	56	10
Do		Joseph Woodberry	97	13
Do		Moses Bailey	16	7
Do		John Stone	21	10
Do		James Richardson	21	16
Do		Joseph Gerry	32	14
Do		Jonas Bailey	109	10
Do		Joseph Reed	8	
Do		Daniel Rugg	540	
Do		Edward Robbins	4	15
Do		Simon Willard	9	
Do		Abiel Phelps	15	
Do		Jonas Wyman	21	
Do		Elijah Wyman	1	13 6
Do		Aaron Johnston	60	
Do		Wm Phelps	93	4 8
Do		Elizabeth Knight	7	
Do		Nathaniel Beaman	131	16 4
Do		Timoth.s Knight	9	
Do		John Bowers	13	
Do		Aaron Johnston	36	
Do		Daniel Willard	4	6 6
Do		Wm Willard Jr	87	9 6
Do		Roam Stedman	7	
Do		Sam.l Johnston	10	4
Do		John White	6	10
Do		Daniel Willard	6	
Do		Elijah Wyman	1	6
Do		Wm Willard 2d	18	12
Do		Nath.l Beaman	46	8 6
Do		Nathaniel White	60	
Do		John Sprague	87	2
Do		Elijah Phelps	150	
Do		John Baker	30	
Do		Wm Greenhoof	36	12
Do		Do	193	11
Do		Do	146	8
Do		John Nichols	9	13
Do		John White	21	18
Do		Edward Robbins	30	18
Do		Abel Phelps	21	
Do		Do	21	
Do		Daniel Rugg	36	
Do		John Robbins	24	
Do		Simon Willard	3	
Do		Jon.a Tenney	30	
Do		Wm Willard	6	
Do		Do	16	10
Do		Do	12	2
		Carried Over		

Brought Over		£
Bearer Order	Jonas Fairbank	37 " 18
Do	Nathl Sawyer	63
Do	Adam Fitzmaurice	19 " 4
Do	Wm Pollard	78 " 19
Do	Jona Hastings	102 " 10
Do	Josiah Wallard	1 " 4
Do	Ebenezer Allen	15 " 4
Do	Do	15 " 4
Do	Wm Greenleaf	1020
Do	Tho Gates	6 " 14 " 6
Do	Jonas Fairbank	50 " 7
Do	Tho Gates	12
Do	Jerthom Flagg	40
Do	Josiah Bakke	70
Do	Wm Wood	129
Do	Joshua Fletcher	12 " 16
Do	Josh Larkin	60
Do	Tho Gates	45 " 17
Do	Stanton Carter	60
Do	Josh Fuller	2 " 9 " 6
Do	Ebenez Allen	89 " 19
Do	Wm Lock	344
Do	William Wilder	60
Do	Tho Gates	7 " 6 " 3
Do	Abel Carter	60
Do	Tho Gates	35 " 8
Do	Do	17 " 3
Do	Do	40
Do	Do	13 " 19
Do	Ephraim Wilder	23 " 16
Do	Tho Rowland	35
Do	Wm Greenleaf	2 " 2
Do	Reuben Leppingwell	60
Do	David Baldwin	60
Do	Thereiah Hunt	60
Do	Wm Greenleaf	495 " 5 " 6
Do	Oliver Glazier	60
Do	Timothy Wilburn	18
Do	Jacob Atherton	16 " 2 " 6
Do	Joseph Brainard	30
Do	Do	35
Do	Jonas Farnham	240
Do	Ephm Wilder	1 " 16
Do	Wm Phelps	336
Do	Sam Holman	60
Do	Nathan Gerry	240
Do	Joseph Reed	562 " 13
Do	Nic Whitcomb	1242
Do	David Wood	66 " 17 " 6
Do	Tho Sawyer	1 " 4
Do	Wm Greenleaf	30
Do	Sam Jones	60
Do	John Wheelock	60
Do	Edmund Larkin	60
Do	Cyrus Fairbank	2546 " 4
	Sum Total	£ 11714 " 16

Lancaster March 3 1780 Rec Cash Due from Cyrus Fairbank
Josiah Stevens to the Town for the Order 1714 £ 29096 " 12 " 3
Sixty Seventy Orders Drawn on S Treasurer as above £ 17714 " 16
Ballance Due from S Treasurer to the Town of Lancaster £ 11381 " 16 " 3

Wm Greenleaf
Nathaniel Beaman
Ephraim Wilder
Manasseh Sawyer
Joel Houghton
} Selectmen of Lancaster

A true Copy Attest Josiah Stowell T Clerk

An Account of the Moneys Assessed on the Town of Lancaster, by the Assessors at Boston, for the Year 1779 — £ — Qrs

Statement of the Town's Taxes

May 14th	Assessed a Continental Rate Tax of		
June 19	Assessed a Town Tax of	7684	11 4
	Also a Highway Tax of	3800	
Aug 27	Assessed a Continental Tax of	1200	
	A Town Tax of	22219	11 3
	A County Tax of	11176	3
Feb 3	Assessed a State Tax of	178	12 10
	A Town Tax of	19991	13 4
	A County Tax of	6381	
		296	2 11
		£ 74347	14 8

We have also made Return to the State, County, & Town Treasurers of the last Amount of the Several Lists of Assessments, of the abovementioned, to the Several Constables of the Town

Lancaster Feb 7 1780

John Sprague, Walt Beaman, Jona Nelson Jr, Hezekiah Sawyer — Assessors — Lancaster

A true Copy. Attest — Josiah Leavell Town Clerk

Lancaster May 15 1780. By an adjournment of the Town Meeting from March 8th the Second Precinct in Lancaster at 2 O'Clock P.M. Voted as followeth

Adjournment of March Meeting 1780

Voted to Excuse Walt Beaman from being a Selectman

Voted to Excuse Moses Sawyer from being a Selectman

Voted to Rob 2 Selectmen in the Room of Walt Beaman & Moses Sawyer

Voted & Chose Joseph Nowell Constable for the North Side of the River in the 1st Precinct

Voted to Raise the Sum of 8000 Pounds for Schooling this present Year

Voted to Excuse Ephraim Fletcher from being a Selectman

Voted that they Inhabitants Shall have the Use of their own Money for Schooling this present Year

Voted that to Allow to Jona Bailey the Rates of Ephm Jones

Voted to Allow to Jona Bailey the Rates of Stephen Sadopany for the Year 1778

Voted to Allow to Jona Bailey the Rates of Ephm Gates for the Years 1777 & 1778

Voted to Allow to Jona Bailey the Rates of Benj Wait for the Year 1778

Voted to Allow to Jona Bailey the Rates of Mons Eph Sowers for the Year 1778

Voted to Allow to Jona Bailey the Rates of Thos Mears for the Year 1778

Voted to Allow to Jona Bailey the Poll Rate of Shenehas Warren for the Year 1778

Voted to Allow to Jona Bailey the Rates of Jonas Bailey for the Year 1776

Voted to Allow to Jonas Fairbank Jr the Rates of Ignatius Sartle for the Year 1779

Voted to Allow to Jonas Fairbank Jr the Rates of Joseph Whitmore for 1779

Voted to Allow to Jonas Fairbank Jr the Rates of Henry Wenchester for 1779

Voted & Chose Capt Daniel Foriet for a Selectman

Voted to reconsider the Vote with regard to Choosing Ebenr Bilton as a Selectman

Voted & Chose Capt Solomon Foriet in his Room

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to next Monday at ten O'Clock at the Place.

Epht Wilder Moderator

Lancaster May 22 1780. At an Adjournment of the Town Meeting from May 15 of the Second Precinct in Lancaster at ten O'Clock acted as followeth Viz

Voted to accept of Samuel Adams as Constable this present year for the North Side of the River in the Room of Joseph Nowell & for that State

Voted to Dissolve this Meeting & it was Dissolved accordingly

Epht Wilder Moderator

Entered By Josiah Leavell Town Clerk

Warrant for a Town Meeting May 2 1780

Worcester ss

To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs — — — Greeting —

You are hereby Notified & Required to meet at the Meeting House in the first Precinct in Lancaster, on Tuesday the Second Day of May next at three O'Clock in the Morning, for ye following Purposes — — — Viz —

1st. To Chuse a Moderator to Govern s^d Meeting — — — — — —

2d. To hear the Constitution, or Frame of Government, agreed upon by the Delegates of the People of the State of Massachusetts Bay, in Convention, begun & Held at Cambridge on the first of Septr 1779, & Continued by Adjournments to the 2^d of March 1780, and Last Thereon agreable to ye Resolve & Recommendation of s^d Convention — — — — — — — —

3d. To See if the Town will allow to Hezekiah Rendal the Poll Tax of Joseph Moor, for the use the Rates of Samuel Reed, Dis^d Beulah Brooks, and Ebenezer Turner — — — — — — — — — — — —

4th. To See what Method the Town will come into in Order to procure the Grain that is due to the Soldiers — — — — — — — —

5th. To See what the Town will do relating to Mrs Michitable Rowel, a Room to Mourn, Left at the House of Mr Wm Hoar's, late of this Town, Deceased — —

Josiah Leavett Town Clerk

Lancaster Ap^l 17 1780

By Order of the Selectmen.

Proceedings of a Town Meeting May 2 1780

At a legal Meeting of the Freeholders, and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, Qualified & Held at the Meeting House in the first Precinct in s^d Town on the 2^d Day of May 1780, Voted & Acted as followeth — Viz —

1st. Chose Mr John Sprague Moderator — — — — — — — —

2d. Voted to Dismiss the 5th Article in the Warrant — — — — — —

3d. Voted to Have the Constitution, or Form of Government Read, & it was Read accordingly — — — — — — — — — — — —

4th. Voted to adjourn this meeting till 2 O'Clock this afternoon, to this Place — —

Two O'Clock Met according to adjournment, & acted as followeth — Viz —

1st. Voted that if Ebenezer Turner shall bring a Certificate from the Sel^ctmen of Bolton that he has been Assessed there, for his State of Tax in 1780, and to be Deducted from the Constable of Bolton that he has paid it, that the Selectmen Shall give Mr Hezekiah Rendal an Order upon the Town Treasurer for s^d Rate

2d. Voted to pass over with Regard to Joseph Moor's Poll Tax — — —

3d. Voted to pass over with Regard to Samuel Reeds Rates — — — — —

4th. Voted to Allow to Hezekiah Rendal the Rates of the Dis^d Beulah Brooks — —

5th. Voted to adjourn the Consideration of the Constitution to the 13th Day of this Instant May at 8 O'Clock A.M. at ye Second Precinct — — — — — —

6th. Voted that the Selectmen & Treasurer do settle with ye Soldiers that have Notes for Grain, upon the best Terms that they can — — — — — —

7th. Voted to Direct the Treasurer to suspend the Payment of Timothy Everett's Rate till further Order from the Town — — — — — — — —

8th. Voted that the Treasurer be Directed to Enquire into the Age of Timothy Everett, & the Result of what he ascertained to the Committee — — — — —

9th. Voted to adjourn this Meeting to ye 15th Day of this Instant May at Eight O'Clock in the Morning, at the Meeting House in the Second Precinct

John Sprague Moderator

Entered by — — Josiah Leavett Town Clerk

Lancaster May 13th Eight O'Clock A.M. Met according to adjournment of
Town & Dist. May Freeholders, at y Meeting House in y Second Parish
in Lancaster & Voted as follows. — Viz.
Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to 3 O'Clock This afternoon at this Place
Three O'Clock P.M. Met according to adjournment, and Voted to adjourn this
Meeting to 5 O'Clock at this Place
Five O'Clock P.M. met according to adjournment & voted to adjourn this
Meeting to 6 O'Clock this afternoon at this Place
Six O'Clock P.M. Met according to Adjournment, & Voted as follows
1st Voted to Receive y Constitution or Form of Government as it now Stands
103 for it, and 7 against it
2d Voted to empower y Delegates at y Convention to agree upon a Time when this
Form of Government shall take Place without further Convening y Same again to the
Peoples provided that two thirds of y Male Inhabitants of the Age of twenty one
years & upwards, Voting in the several Town & Plantation Meetings shall
Three thirds of the People as aforesd
3d Voted that the Members of the Convention be directed if any Exceptions be
Laid in writing with them with Regard to the Constitution, to Make those Objections &
Publish with Reasons thereof in Convention, any previous Vote
4th Voted to Dissolve this Meeting

John Sprague Moderator.
Entered by Josiah Leavitt Town Clerk.

Worcester ss. To Frederick Gilbert Mannosseh Sawyer & Josiah Houghton Constables of the Town of Lancaster Greeting

Warrant for a Town Meeting May 15 1780

You are Hereby Directed to warn the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, Qualified to Vote for a Representative in y Town affairs, to meet at the Meeting house in the Second Precinct in s Town, on Monday the 15th Day of May Instant at Eleven O'clock in the Morning, for y following Purposes Viz.

1st Then and there to Elect One or more Persons to represent the Town in the Great and General Court, according to a Precept directed to y Selectmen
2d To Choose a Moderator
3d To See if the Town will grant the Petition of Aaron Sawyer & others to be Set off to the North Parish in Shrewsbury
4th To See if the Town will allow the Heirs of John Osgood &c
5th To See if the Town will allow and make up the Depreciation of the Money that Col Greenleaf lent the Town in July 1779 to Hire Soldiers

And make Return Hereof & of your Doings Thereon, to one of or before the Time above mentioned

Josiah Leavitt Town Clerk

Lancaster May 11 1780

By Order of the Selectmen

Proceedings of Town Meeting May 15 1780

At a legal Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Convened & held at the Meeting house in the Second Precinct in Lancaster on Monday y 15th Day of May 1780. Voted as followeth Viz.

1st Voted Nem Con Wm Sullivan for y Representative
2d Voted Nem Con Moses Fairbank Moderator
3d Voted to pass over y 3d Article in y Warrant
4th Voted to pass over y 4th Article in y Warrant
5th Voted to allow y Rates to John Osgood &c

Moses Fairbank Moderator
Josiah Leavitt Town Clerk

6th Voted to Dissolve this Meeting Entered by

Warrant for a Town Meeting June 16th 1780.

Worcester ss. To Frederick Wheet, Samuel Adams, Minna Wheeler, Sawyer & Josiah Houghton, the Selectmen of the Town of Lancaster — Greeting.

You are Hereby Required & Directed to warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to Vote in Town Affairs, to meet at the Meeting House in the Second Precinct in said Town, on Friday the 16th Day of June Instant, at One O'Clock P.M. to act the following Purposes viz —

1st To Chuse a Moderator to govern said Meeting.

2d To See what Method the Town will come into, in Order to raise the Men now sent for by the General Court.

3d To See if the Town will hire Men to the Service when sent for by the General Court & Chuse a Committee for that Purpose.

And make Return hereof & of your Doings hereon, at or before the Time above mentioned.

Josiah Leavett Town Clerk.

Lancaster June 13th 1780

By Order of the Selectmen

Proceedings of a Town Meeting June 16th 1780 —

At a legal Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, convened & held at the Meeting House in the Second Precinct in said Town, on Friday the 16th Day of June 1780, Voted & acted as followeth viz

1st Chose Capt Solomon Jewett Moderator

2d Voted to hire the Men now sent for by the General Court by a Town Tax.

3d Voted to hire the Men that shall be sent for, this present Year, by the General Court, by a Town Tax.

4th Voted to Chuse a Committee for the Purpose of hiring Men as above.

5th Voted that said Committee be Eight of Number.

6th Voted & Chose Capt Samuel Baird, John Sartell, Deac Moses Fairbank, Capt Nathaniel Balch, Samuel Thurston & Deac Levi Moor of 4th Precinct, and Thomas Brown, James Richardson, Nathaniel Houghton & Israel Moor, James Shepard Jr & Jon Wilder Jun of 2d Precinct for said Committee.

7th Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the 23d Day of June Instant, at One O'Clock in the afternoon, at the Meeting House in 4th Precinct in this Town

Solomon Jewett Moderator

Entered by — Josiah Leavett Town Clerk —

Proceedings of an Adjournment of a Town Meeting of June 16 1780

Lancaster June 23d 1780 Met according to Adjournment from the 16th Instant, at the Meeting House in the 4th Precinct in said Town & One O'Clock P.M. acted as followeth — Viz

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to half after two O'Clock this afternoon at this Place

Half after two O'Clock — Met according to adjournment & Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Five O'Clock this Afternoon, at this Place

Five O'Clock — Met according to adjournment, & acted as followeth — Viz

1st On the 3d Article in the Warrant, Voted to empower the Committee, Chosen to hire the Men therein Mentioned, on any Terms they think Proper, and if the said Committee or any of them, shall Contract with any Person, to do the Service required by the Order which are the Occasion of this Vote, that the Town severally, all Monies, Damages, and Expences, which they or any of them shall incur by performing their said Contracts, & will also pay their Time & Expences, & for their Trouble in & about the Premises

2d Voted to adjourn this Meeting to monday the 26th Day of June Instant at One O'Clock P.M. at the Meeting House in the Second Precinct in the Town

Solomon Jewett Moderator

Entered By — Josiah Leavett Town Clerk.

Proceedings of an Adjournment of the Town Meeting from June 26th 1780

Lancaster June 26th 1780 Met According to an Adjournment from the 22d Instant at the Meeting House in the Second Precinct in said Town & acted as followeth

1st Voted to Accept the following Report of the Committe Viz The Committe engage to each Man that will enlist Two Hundred Pounds Lawful Money for each Man that may want to be paid Down, the remainder (when) Paid to be made as good as it now is: Or Thirteen Pounds Six Eight Pounds Lawful Money to be paid in the Old Way, in Corn, Cattle & Stock or any Produce as aforementioned to be paid, & the Value thereof in Continental Money. The above Sums after due is a Bounty from the Town in Addition to the Wages allowed by the Court Also further more the Committe Engage that the Money which may be Due from the State for this Six Months Service, the Town will give for each Man that will procure the proper certificates

2d Voted to See if the Town have any further Instructions to give the Committe & it Passed in the Negative

3d Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday 7th Day of July next at One O Clock P M at the 2d Precinct in this Town

Solomon Fenell Moderator

Entered by Josiah Fenell Town Clerk

Proceedings of an Adjournment of the Town Meeting from June 26. 1780

Lancaster July 3 1780 Met according to an Adjournment from the 26th of June last at the Meeting House in the 2d Precinct in said Town & Voted to adjourn this Meeting to half after 2 O Clock this afternoon at this Place

Half after 2 O Clock Met according to adjournment & acted as follows Viz

1st Voted to Choose a Committe to Hire the Ten Continental Men last sent for by the General Court

2d Voted and Chose Moses Smith, Esqr Thos Gates, Ebenr Allen, John Brown Docr Joel Thoughtop, & Josiah Kendal for the above Committe

3d Voted to Choose a Committe to Hire the 48 Militia Men now sent for by the General Court

4th Voted & Chose Mr Ebenr Bradish, Esqr Ephm Carter, Docr Benj Houghton Esqr Jabez Rhoads Jun Josiah Kendal Esqr Micah Hartshorn, Capt Whitney, & Mr Sawyer for the Committe

5th Voted to empower & indemnify the above Committes now Chosen, in all Respects, as the Committe Chosen at this Meeting to Hire Men, on the 20th of June last

6th Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the 10th Day of July Instant at 2 O Clock P M at the Meeting House in the Second Precinct in this Town

Solomon Fenell Moderator

Entered By Josiah Fenell T. Clerk

Proceedings of an Adjournment of the Town Meeting from July 3d 1780

Lancaster July 10th 1780 Met according to Adjournment from the 3d Instant at the Second Precinct in said Town & Voted to adjourn this Meeting to half after 3 O Clock at this Place

Half after 3 O Clock Met according to Adjournment & Voted to Dissolve this Meeting, & it was Dissolved Accordingly

Solomon Fenell Moderator

Entered By Josiah Fenell Town Clerk

Warrant for a Town Meeting June 23 1780

Worcester ss. To Frederick Albert, Samuel Adams, Josiah Houghton, & Manasseh Sawyer, Constables of the Town of Lancaster ---
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You are Hereby Required to Warn the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, Qualified to Vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Meeting House in the first Precinct in said Town on Friday the 23 Day of June Instant, at 2 O Clock P.M. for the following Purposes. viz
1st To Chuse a Moderator to Govern said Meeting
2d To see if the Town will Grant Money to hire Soldiers for y Army.
3d To see if the Town will grant the Petition of Aaron Sawyer & others, to be Set off to the Town of Shrewsbury
4th To see if the Town will allow to John Robbins, the Rates of Daniel Page and Others
And make Return Hereof, and of your Doings hereon, at or before the Time above mentioned
Lancaster June 16 1780 Josiah Leavitt Town Clerk
By Order of the Selectmen

Return of y Warrant

We have Warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, to meet at y Time & Place & for y Purposes within Mentioned
Constables — Frederick Albert, Sam: Adams, Manasseh Sawyer, Josiah Houghton

Proceedings of a Town Meeting June 23 1780

At a Legal Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, Convened & Held at the meeting House in the first Precinct in Said Town, on Friday the 23 Day of June 1780, at two O Clock P.M. Voted & acted as followeth viz
1st Chose William Sumnore Esq Moderator
2d Voted to adjourn this Meeting to 4 O Clock this afternoon at this Place
Four O Clock Met according to Adjournment & acted as followeth viz
1st Voted to pass over the Second Article in y Warrant at Present
2d Voted to See if the Town would Grant the Petition of Aaron Sawyer and Others to be Set of the Town of Shrewsbury, and it Passed in the Negative
3d Voted to See if The Town will allow to John Robbins the Rates of Daniel Page & it Passed in the Negative
4th Voted to Pass over y 4th Article in the Warrant
5th Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday next at 3 O Clock P.M. at the Meeting House in the Second Precinct in this Town
Wm Sumnore Moderator
Entered By Josiah Leavitt Town Clerk

Proceedings of y Adjournment of y Town Meeting of June 23 1780

Lancaster June 26 1780 3 O Clock P.M. Met according to adjournment from Friday y 23d Instant, at the Meeting House in the Second Precinct in Lancaster, And Voted to adjourn this Meeting, to 3 O Clock at this Place this afternoon. Met according to Adjournment. Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to Monday the 3d Day of July next at 2 O Clock P.M. at the Meeting House in the first Precinct in this Town
Wm Sumnore Moderator
Josiah Leavitt Town Clerk

Proceedings of an Adjournment of a Town Meeting of June 23 1780.

Monday July 3 1780 2 O'Clock P.M. Met according to Adjournment from June 26th, at the Meeting House in 4th Parish Precinct in Lancaster. And Voted to adjourn the Meeting to 4 O'Clock this afternoon at this Place — — —

2 o'clock P.M. Met according to adjournment & the following Votes were given in — — —

Mikes, thence West 18 Deg South 180 Rods, thence West 5 Deg 30 Minut. North 132 Rods - thence West 17 Degrs 30 Min North 144 Rods -- thence round Pikes Farm -- thence West 5 Deg North 198 Rods to A Ll Water River So Called above the Bridge, and below Luthers Mills & Brannans Town of Shrewsberry - - - - And Grant Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray - - - - - -

Lancaster Sept 10. 1780

Aaron Sawyer	Frederick Albert	Walt. Hastings	Silas Hastings	Levi Moor
Oliver Sawyer	Silas Flow	Sam[l] Bigelow	Wm Bensmore	John Glazier
Josiah Bennet	John Bensmore	Micah Hartman	Princes Flow	
Natt. Lampson	Jacob Winn	Joseph Sawyer	Elijah Ball	
	Hezek. Moor	Ezra Brannan	Robert Andrews Jun	
		Edmond Larkin	Natt. Leverpoole	

A true Copy. Attest. Josiah Leavitt Town Clerk. —

Lancaster Sep[t] 2 1780 - - - - -

Proceedings of a Meeting Sepr 26 1780

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally warn'd & held at the Meeting House in the forth Precinct in S^d Town on Monday ye 25th Day of Sepr 1780 acted as followeth — — —

Worcester ss. To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants a the Town of Lancaster, qualified to Vote in Town Affairs

You are hereby Notified & Warned to meet at the Meeting house in the Second Precinct in Lancaster on Tuesday the 24th Day of Oct Instant, at 2 O'Clock in y Afternoon for the following Purposes

1 To Choose a Moderator to Govern s Meeting
2 To See what Method the Town will come into, or practice y Regulations of the general Court, concerning the staying by a Box or otherwise a quantity of Beef or act or transact any Thing relative to s Regulations
3 To grant Money if the Town think proper
4 To See if y Town will allow Some Recompence that may be Said before them

Lancaster Oct 9 1780 Josiah Leavett Town Clerk
By Order of the Selectmen

Warrant for a Town Meeting Oct 24 1780

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally warned & held at y Meeting House in the Second Precinct on y 2d Town, on Tuesday y 24th Day of October AD 1780 Voted & acted as follows

1 Chose Capt Solomon Jewett Moderator
2 Voted to Chuse a Committe to purchase y Beef Sent for by the General Court
3 Voted that Committe Consist of three
4 Chose Capt David Osgood, Capt Ephraim Carter & Mr Thaddeus Houghton for s Committe
5 Voted that s Committe be empowered to give Orders upon the Town Treasurer for y Payment of s Beef
6 Voted to raise the Sum of Seven Hundred & fifty Pounds in y Money for y purchase of s Beef
7 Voted to Allow Mr Samuel Price his Receipt of 17/6 for Boxing &c
8 Voted to Dissolve this Meeting

Solomon Jewett Moderator
Entered by Josiah Leavett Town Clerk

Proceedings of a Town Meeting Oct 24 1780

Lancaster Novemb 14 1780

Received of the Town of Lancaster by the Hands of Mr Thaddeus Houghton & Capt Carter for Nineteen Thousand lbs of Beef being the whole of what was Sett in the Schedule by y Town at a General Court

David Osgood Agent

A true Copy attest Josiah Leavett Town Clerk

Capt Osgood's Receipt

Lancaster Jan 17 1781

Rec'd of the Town by the Hands of the Committe Thirty Six Thousand lbs of Beef being their full Quota as ordered by y General Court Nov 4 1780

David Osgood Agent

A true Copy attest Josiah Leavett Town Clerk

Warrant to a Town Meeting January 2d 1781

Worcester ss. To the Freeholders, and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs

Greeting

You are hereby Notified & Warned to Meet at the Meeting House in the Second Precinct in Lancaster, on the Day of Second Mon. of January next. at Ten o Clock in the Morning, for the following Purposes Viz.

1st To Chuse a Moderator to govern S.d Meeting

2d To see what Method the Town will come into in Order to procure the Quota of the Army, agreable to the Resolves of the General Court, and to Act or Consult what the may be to Vote to do for the same.

3d To see what Method the Town will come into in Order to raise their Quota of Men, to Serve for three Years, or during the War in the Continental Army, agreable to the Resolves of the General Court, or Act or Do any Act or Thing relative to S.d Affairs

4th To grant Money if the Town shall think Proper

5th To See if the Town will allow to Herman Kendal & Peter Spy Moor & others, as to the Valuation & John Sabbins & Peter Spy Tyler, Daniel Safe & others

6th To See if the Town will make an Addition to the Rates of the Town of Lancaster, for taking the Revolution

Josiah Leavell Town Clerk

Lancaster December 19 1780

By Order of the Selectmen

Proceedings of a Town Meeting January 2d 1781.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, legally warned & held at the Meeting House in the Second Precinct in S.d Town on the Second Day of January A.D. 1781 Voted & acted as followeth Viz

1st Chose Capt Benjamin Richardson Moderator

2d Voted to adjourn this Meeting to One o Clock at the Place

One O Clock P.M. Then met agreable to Adjournment and acted as followeth

1st Voted to allow to Herman Kendal Poll Tax of Joseph Moor and Samuel Shed

2d Voted to raise the Towns Proportion of Beef sent for by the General Court

3d Voted & Chose Capt David Goold, Joseph Barker, Nathaniel Houghton Capt Solomon Lovell, & Capt Ephraim Carter, a Committee to purchase S.d Beef

4th Voted to raise the Sum of Fifteen Hundred Pounds in the New Emission to purchase S.d Beef

5th Voted to empower the above Committee to Draw Orders on the Town Treasurer, for the Payment of S.d Beef

6th Voted that the Assessors be directed to assess the Money now granted to purchase Beef, as soon as may be

7th Voted to raise our Quota of Men to Serve in the Continental Army for Three Years, or during the War, agreable to the Resolves of the General Court

8th Voted to Chose a Committee of twelve Men, to hire the above Men

9 Chose Israel Moor, Samuel Hampton, Nath. Boorman, Cyrus Fairbank, James Dyerman, Josiah Kendal Junr, Esqr Samuel Sawyer, Esqr Ephraim Fuller, Esqr Allen, & Josh. Ballard, Deacn Joel Haughton, Thomas Brown, for Selectmen

10 Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to Monday the 2nd Instant at One O'Clock P.M. at the Meeting House in the West Precinct

Benj. Richardson Moderator

Entered By Josiah Leavitt Town Clerk

Proceedings of an Adjournment of a Meeting from Jany 26 1784

Lancaster January 26th 1784

Then Met according to Adjournment from the Second Instant at the Meeting House in the first Precinct, & Acted as followeth Viz.

1 Voted & Chose to Take Returns of Votes of Daniel Page, Samuel Sawyer Adam Freeman, Thos. Knights, Joseph Boorman Junr. Ephraim Fuller, Joseph Lunt, & Nathan Sartwell

2 Voted to Chuse to Josiah Houghton & Chuse a Samuel Baker & David Perry, & to pass Vote with regard to Votes & Vote Papers for Present

3 Voted that above Committe Chosen to have the Monies & Years Service & empowered in every Respect, as the Committe Chosen & last Year, to have & do Men sent for by the General Court

4 Voted to Excuse Lieut Ballard from Serving in the above Committe & Chose Mr. Gardener Bent in his Room

5 Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to Thursday the 11th Instant at One O'Clock in the Afternoon at the Meeting House in the Second Precinct

Benj. Richardson Moderator

Entered By Josiah Leavitt Town Clerk

Proceedings of an Adjournment of a Meeting from Jany 26 1784

Lancaster January 11th 84

Then Met at the Meeting House in the Second Precinct agreeable to Adjournment from the 2nd Instant & acted as followeth Viz

1 Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Two O'Clock this afternoon

Two O'Clock Met agreeable to Adjournment, & acted as followeth Viz.

11 Voted to make an Addition to the Above Committe for hearing of Soldiers

Chose Capt. Nathaniel Bath, Capt. Samuel Ward, Capt. Timothy Whiting Mr. Ephraim Sawyer Esqr. James Richardson, & Capt. Zachariah Eager in Addition

Chose Saber Fairbank as one of the above Committe in the Room of Thos. Brown who was excused

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to Thursday the 26th Instant at One O'Clock P.M. at the Meeting House in the West Precinct

Benj. Richardson Moderator

Entered by Josiah Leavitt Town Clerk

Proceedings of an Adjournment of a Meeting from Jan. 11 1784

Lancaster Jan. 23 1784 Then Met at the Meeting House in the 2d Precinct agreeable to adjournment from the 11th Instant & acted as followeth Viz

1 Voted to Raise the Sum of Six Thousand Nine Hundred & Sixty two Pounds for the things Now Remitted to Hire the Soldiers in the Army

Voted that the Above Sum be Assessed & Collected as soon as may be

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to Monday the 2d Day of February next at One O'Clock P.M. at the Meeting House

Benj. Richardson Moderator

Entered By Josiah Leavitt Town Clerk

Proceedings of an Adjournment of the Meeting from Jany 28th 1784

Lancaster February 6th 1784. Then Met at the Meeting House in the Second Precinct agreable to Adjournment from the 28th of January last & acted as followeth — — — — — — — — — — Viz

4d Chose Dea^n Lem^l Bass Moderator pro Tempo.

2d Voted to See if the Town will Chuse in Order to get the Men for the Army & it passed in the Negative.

3d Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Thursday the 12th Instant at One O Clock P.M at the Meeting House in the First Precinct

Benj^a Richardson Moderator

Entered by Josiah Leavett Town Clerk.

Proceedings of an Adjournment of the Meeting from Feby 6th 1784

Lancaster Feby 12th 1784 Then met agreable to adjournment from the 6th Instant at the Meeting House in the First Precinct & Voted to adjourn the Meeting to 2 O Clock this afternoon at the Place at which time being met Voted and Acted as followeth — Viz —

1st Voted to See if the Town would Chuse for the Purpose of getting the Men for the Army, & it Passed in the Negative

2d Voted to pass over the last Article in the Warrant

3d Voted to reconsider the last Vote that was passed

4th Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the 19th Instant at One O Clock at the Meeting House in the Second Precinct

Benj^a Richardson Moderator

Entered By Josiah Leavett Town Clerk.

Proceedings of an Adjournment from the Meeting from the February 19 1784

Lancaster February 19 1784 Then Met at the Meeting House in the Second Precinct Agreable to Adjournment from the 12th Instant & Voted to adjourn this Meeting to 2 O Clock this afternoon at this Place, at which Time being met. Voted & acted as follows Viz

1st Voted to See if the Town would Chuse & it passed in the Negative — —

2d Voted to make an Addition of Fourteen to the Committee chosen the

3d Voted & Chose in the Following Persons Viz

Capt Daniel Osgood, Capt Edward Sherlock, Mr Nathaniel Meacham

Dea^n Silas Moor. Dea^n Saml Meacham, John Peirson, Capt Jos^h Carter

Silas Draper, James Kendal Junr Joseph Reed, Lewis Bolter, Thomas

Kendal, Capt Thos Gale, Joseph Stower, Capt Walt^r Shannon Junr

Capt John Whitcomb Junr Jonathan Wing

4th Voted that the Town be Divided into 135 Squadrons

5th Voted that the Assessors Divide the Town as equal as they can into the above Squadrons — — — — — — — — — — — —

6th Chose Thomas Sawyer Junr a Committee Man in Lieu of Silas Howe.

7th Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the 5th Day of March next at 4 O Clock in the Afternoon at this Place — At which time a Quorum being met Voted to adjourn the Meeting to Monday the 29th Instant at 2 O Clock in the Afternoon at the Meeting House in the 1st Precinct At which Time & Place being met Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Tomorrow at 12 O Clock at Noon at this Place — At which Time & Place being met Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the Second Day of April Next at 2 O Clock P.M at the Meeting House in the Second Precinct

March 5th — — 17th

March 29th

Benj^a Richardson Moderator

Entered by Josiah Leavett Town Clerk.

Worcester ss. To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs

Warrant for Town Meeting March 6 1781

Greeting

You are hereby Notified and Warned to meet at the Meeting House in the Second Precinct in Lancaster, on Monday the Sixth Day of March next, at Nine O'clock in the Morning, for the following Purpose & Viz

To Choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting

To Accept of any Accompts that the Town shall think Proper

To Choose Town Officers, for the Year ensuing

To grant Money to Defray Town Charges the Year ensuing

To see what Sum the Town will grant for repairing Highways & Bridges and to ascertain the Price of Labour, of Horses, Oxen, & Wheels, the Year ensuing

To see if the Town will Choose the Surveyors of the Highways for Collectors of the Highway Tax, of those Persons who neglect or refuse to work out the Same

To see what Sum the Town will grant to be Schooled out on the Town the Year ensuing

To see what Method the Town will adopt with regard to Keeping the Grammer School the Year ensuing

To Accept all, or Discontinue any Roads or Roads that the Town shall think proper

To see if the Town will engage for the Reasons why the present Emission Currency is Sunk almost one half of the Value of what it was when first Emitted, & to Show their Minds respecting paying the hard Money Tax, or act or Transact any thing Relative thereto agreeable to the Request of Caleb Whitney & others

To see if the Town will allow to Capt Daniel Rugg the same Bounty that they gave the Private Soldiers in the 3 Months Service or act or Transact any thing relative thereto

To abate any Rates that the Town shall think proper

To see if the Town will allow to Mr Nathanael Sawtell for hireing three Months Men three Quarters of 30 Dollar Bills that they took for that Purpose

Lancaster Feb 16 1781.

Josiah Leavell Town Clerk.

By Order of the Selectmen

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally warned & held at the Meeting House in the Second Precinct in Said Town, on Monday the Sixth Day of March A.D. 1781 Voted and acted as followeth Viz

Proceedings of Town Meeting March 6 1781

Voted Capt Solomon Jewett Moderator

Voted to accept of the Selectmens Accompts

Voted to accept of the Town Treasurers Accompts for his Service

Chose Josiah Leavell Town Clerk

Voted to Choose 5 Selectmen for the Year ensuing

Chose Capt Solomon Jewett, Capt Samuel Sawtell, Capt David Jewett Elijah Kendall Junr & Capt Benja Richards Junr for Selectmen

7th Voted to Choose 4 Assessors for ye Present Year

8th Voted & Chose — Nathaniel Beaman, Jonathan Nelson Jr, Josiah Corbett — Assessors

9th Voted & Chose — Deac^n Cyrus Fairbank — Town Treasurer

10th Voted & Chose — Capt Solomon Stimpson, Nathaniel Shawkston, Capt Ephraim Carter, John Palmer, Joel Phelps — Overseers of the Poor

11th Voted & Chose — Mr John Sprague — Constable for ye North Side 1st Precinct; Moses Smith — Do for ye South Side 1st Precinct; Amos Jewett Jr — Do for ye North Side 2d Precinct; John Peaslee — Do for ye South Side 2d Precinct

12th Voted & Chose — Deac^n Eben^r Bush, Capt Benj^a Richardson, Capt Eph^m Carter — Committee of Inspection & Correspondence

13th Voted & Chose — Nathaniel Eaton, James Wilder, Thomas Brooks, Eph^m Pillard Jun — Wardens

14th Voted & Chose — Caleb Ballard, Aaron Johnson, Daniel Hart, Joseph Peck, Capt Daniel Gage, Reuben Wadsworth, Jonathan Wadsworth — Surveyors of Highways 1st Precinct

15th Voted & Chose — Amos Jewett Jr, Josiah Brooks, Eph^m Wilder Jun, Nathaniel Johnson, Jabez Brooks, Samuel Hobman, John Spafford, Jonas Johnson — Surveyors of Highways 2d Precinct

16th Voted to Hang Mr Lyon in addition to Chose as already Chosen

17th Chose Capt Samuel Ward, Capt Eph^m Carter

18th Voted & Chose — Joseph Leach, Ephraim Kasper, Samuel Houghton, Jonas Dyerman — Field Drivers

19th Voted & Chose — Nathaniel Eaton, Asa Nichols Jun, Samuel Farnum, Saul Haughton — Fence Viewers

20th Voted & Chose — Nathaniel Beaman, Samuel Adams — Sealers of Leather

21st Voted & Chose — Capt Joseph Carter, Josiah Brooks — Sealers of Leather

22d Voted & Chose ---- Samuel Holams } Deer Reeves
Jonas Hyman }

23d Voted & Chose ---- James Clark } Fish-Reeves ---
Joshua Brooks }

24th Voted & Chose -- Capt John White }
John Wheelock }
Capt Thos Gates -- } Fything Men
Elias Hawksworth }
Jon.a Porter Jun.r }
Reuben Perry -- }

25th Voted & Chose - Jabez Brooks - Sealer of Weights & Measures

26th Voted to pass over 1st Article in y.e Warrant for y.e present -

27th Voted to pass over 5th Article in y.e Warrant for y.e present --

28th Voted to pass over 6th Article in y.e Warrant for y.e present --

29th Voted to pass over 7th Article in y.e Warrant for y.e present --

30th Voted to pass over 8th Article in y.e Warrant for y.e present -

31st Voted to pass over 9th Article in y.e Warrant for y.e present --

32d Voted to pass over 10th Article in y.e Warrant for y.e present --

33d Voted to See if the Town would allow to Capt Daniel Rugg the Sum of 330 Pounds in Consideration of his Hiering an Officer to go into the Service, & it passed in y.e Negative -- -- -- --

34th Voted to reconsider the Vote twelfth reserved to Jabez Brooks being Sealer of Weights & Measures & Chose Capt Thos Gates in his room --

35th Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the 19th Instant at 12 O'Clock at Noon at y.e Meeting House in y.e South Precinct --

Solomon Jewett Moderator
Entered by Josiah Leavitt Town Clerk.

At Rhoboth 19th 1784. When Met according to adjournment from the 8th Instant, at the Meeting House in y.e 1st Precinct in said Rehoboth -- -- --

8th. Voted to Discontinue ye Road leading from Mr. Whitcomb to Capt Solomon Sewall, & accept of the same as a Bridle Road during the Towns Pleasure, it being kept with Gates kept in good repair.

9th. Voted & Past over with Regard to Nathan Nelsons Road &c. Rejected.

10th. Voted to Adjourn this Meeting till Tomorrow Morning at 9 O'Clock at this Place - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

Solomon Sewall Moderator
Entered By Josiah Leavett P. Clerk. —

Lancaster March 10 1784. - - - Met agreable to Adjournment from Yesterday & acted as followeth - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

Here followeth an Accompt of the Presidentials of the Town of Lancaster, with Cyprus Fairbank Town Treasurer

Presidentials of the Town.

Cyprus Fairbank Town Treasurer Dr. to the Town of Lancaster

To the Ballance Due from the Treasurer as appears on the Records the last Year — £ 11381-16-3

To Cash Due from the Treasurer to the Town for the Year 1770 — 3522500-0-0

£ 3533881-16-3

Supra Cr By Sundry Orders drawn on them the Treasurer

Vizt. by an Order in favour of

Silas Fairbank	120-0-0	Abel Sawyer	735-0-0
Cyprus Fairbank	6	Lemuel Shed	945
James Trafford	39-12	Eben.r Sawyer	784
John Ballard	300	Reuben Wilder	945
Herman Kendal	284	Calvin Sawyer	679
Jonas Moore	34-8	Nathan Sager	102
Levi Warner	262-10	Lemuel Shed	186
Herman Kendal	60	Jacob Sawyer	945
Micah Hartham	95-19-6	John Robbins	215-10
Ruth Farmer	150	Wid.d Sarah Phelps	3-12
Samuel Bumpus	8	Balth.r Beaman	9
Abel Houghton	70	Edward Robbins	19
Phinehas Beaman	4-10	Aaron Johnson	29-14
Luke Wilder	24-12	Wm. Jewett	37-6
Levi Wilder	3	Jeremiah Hazzell	13-10
Levi Wilder	3	Aaron Johnson	123
Jon.a Moor	37 16	Daniel Willard	17-6
Capt. Math.w Wheeler	129 16	Nathaniel Willard	24
Joseph Sylvester	15-15	Aaron Johnson	72-7
Martha Wright	20	John Sprague	72-5
Capt. David Goodd	110-6	Israel Willard	19
Josiah Kendall Jr.	60-12	Josiah Willard	15
Thos. Sawyer	5-12	Nathan Willard	12
Phineas Beaman	13-5	Wm. Jewett	9-6-6
Eben.r Bush	19	Abdel Willard	4-10
Jon.a Nelson Jr.	72-6	Josiah Parker	33
Manasseh Sawyer	26-14	Sebastian Batman	138
Capt. Greenleaf	74-10	Nathaniel Willard	63
John Willard	50	John Robbins	30
Joshua Sawyer	284	Gardiner Phelps	10
Eben.r Bush	14-3	David Willard	40
Joshua Fletcher	77-4	Benj.a Richardson	56 15
Samuel Thurston	2-10-10	David Goodd	1000
Jon.a Whetcomb	18	Daniel Rugg	16-7
Calvin Sawyer	66	John Goodd	21-14-7
Nath.l Beaman	76	Levi Moor	24
Manasseh Sawyer	70	Jonas Fairbank	26-17
Ephraim Wilder	70	Daniel Rugg	19-4

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Silas Flow	£ 18 4	Cyrus Fairbank	£ 1116 10
Samuel Thurston	14	Joshua Hobbes	500
Phinehas Flow	2	Josiah Wilder	500
Daniel Rugg	12	Silas Flow	190
Paul Sawyer	100	Stephen Wilder	730
Frederick Albert	622 10	Darius Sawyer	30
Sarah Albert	40	Levi Moore	1372
Elijah Ball	100	Darius Sawyer	30
Elijah Ball	30	Moses Sawyer	52 10
Thom^s Allen	430	James Fuller	90
D^o	70 4	Moses Sawyer	500
Luke Wilder	126	D^o	220
Cyrus Houghton	127 4	Elisha Rugg	75
Elijah Rugg	30	Nathan Rugg	150
Darius Sawyer	230	Ignatius Fuller	450
Silas Hale	200	Ephraim Larkin	600
Timothy Fuller	402	Nathan Rugg	340
Cyrus Fairbank	594 18	Wm Fuller	418
Frederick Albert	853 16	D^o	19 5
James Ball	42	Stephen Wilder	45
Israel Sawyer Jr	917 10	Luke Wilder	18
Levi Wilder	1600	Wm Dunsmore	600
Peter Thurston	130	D^o	150
Ephas Prentice	600	D^o	212
Israel Atherton	45	Samuel Sawyer	360
Oliver Atherton	75	Moses Wilder	224
James Ball	70 17	Hannah Wilder	80
Josiah Bennet	46	Moses Wilder	171
D^o	44 10	Wm Wilder	132
Ephraim Rival	10 4	Moses Wilder	55
Samuel Ward	28 2 6	Eph^m Carter	100
Ephraim Rival	102	Wm Jare Rugg	60
Levi Wilder	900	Thad Rugg	263
Josiah Wilder	62 10	Daniel Rugg	140
Israel Moor	27	Samuel Wilder Jr	70
Samuel Thurston	650 1 6	D^o	340
Samuel Ward	329	Oliver Wilder	60
Joseph Carter	160	Daniel Rugg	230 2
Samuel Ward	18 12	Eph^m Carter Jr	600
D^o	319 13	D^o	4800
John Prescott	135	Eph^m Barker	30
D^o	614	Joseph Barker	120
Joseph Carter	2750	Joseph Reed	210
Levi Moor	400	Ezra Houghton Jr	600
Joseph Carter	500	Joseph Reed	735
Paul Sawyer	30	Reuben Wilder	621
Peter Thurston	60	Josiah Wilder	130
Edmund Heard	126	Aaron Sawyer	642
Thos Harrington	80 5	Rufus Houghton Jr	420
Reuben Appleton	330	Eph^m Barker	450
John Prescott	232 10	Thos Sawyer	63
Peter Thurston	60	D^o	63
Wm Richardson	180	D^o	36
John Barnard	67 14 2	Ebn^r Brooks	269 8

Thomas Sawyer	£ 63 " 10 —	Thos Brown	£ 150 —
Do	150 —	Manasseh Sawyer	1096 16 —
Josiah Kendal	101 —	Thos Brown	600 —
Ebenez^r Bass	60 —	Do	11 " 14 —
Do	490 —	Edward Newton	426 —
Jon^a Brastow	60 —	Ephra Sawyer Jr	555 —
Samuel Pike	34 " 8 —	Hugh Hood	60 —
Do	336 " 10 —	Benan Newton	15 —
Do	30 " 10 —	Artemas Maynard	75 —
Do	71 " 4 —	Stephen Lee	400 —
Tilley Lillejohns	189 " 18 —	Joseph Fairbank	1125 —
Abman Kendal	132 —	Manasseh Sawyer	15 " 12 —
Eben^r Brooks	60 —	Joshua Houghton	60 —
Ethan Kendal	60 —	John Preston	200 " 2 " 0
Eben^r Pope	56 " 2 —	Josiah Houghton	881 " 4 —
Jon^a Moor	133 " 19 —	Do	1731 " 6 —
John Lovering	42 —	Do	343 " 4 —
Stephen Lee	220 —	Do	15 " 12 —
Aaron Sawyer	700 —	Do	60 —
Jacob Wilder	350 —	Do	45 —
Samuel Hatman	60 —	Jon^a Wilder	346 —
Wm Whitney	110 —	Col Houghton	200 " 2 —
Samuel Hatchman	333 " 5 —	Joshua Sawyer	70 —
David Osgood	750 —	Stephen Hatman	60 —
Nathaniel Taylor	200 —	Eph^m Wilder	250 " 18 —
Thos Sawyer	90 —	Joseph Lewis	24 " 10 —
Reuben Wilder	490 —	Eph^m Wilder	330 —
Abner Wilder	120 —	John Sawtell	150 —
Nathan Wilder	600 —	Nathaniel Houghton	42 " 18 —
Saul Houghton	70 —	Nathan Wellington	416 " 10 —
Do	38 —	David Osgood	1300 —
Samuel Bradley	20 —	Abigail Fairbank	100 —
Do	100 —	John Bulkley	73 —
Manasseh Sawyer	45 —	Eph^m Wilder	781 " 10 —
Thos Brooks	60	Amos Sawtell	75 —
Jon^a Moor	997 —	Samuel Sawyer	105 —
Israel Moor	1000 —	Bartholomew Preston	58 " 4 —
Manasseh Sawyer	1342 " 7 —	Joseph Gerry	96 —
Samuel Mellen	39 —	Do	420 —
Jacob Stein	100 —	Shemehas Beaman	160 —
Josiah Wilder	60 —	Joseph Lewis	120 —
Jacob Dunn	144 —	Jon^a Wilder	60 —
Tilley Lillejohns	60 —	Do	42 —
Do	100 —	Do	53 " 10 —
Samuel Rice	93 —	Do	180 —
Thos Blodget	75 —	Solomon Hatman	87 " 15 —
Cornelius Sawyer	120 —	Nathan Burpee Jr	429 " 18 —
Joseph Reed	150 —	Jon^a Bailey	30 —
Do	450 —	Caleb Whitney	45 —
Eben^r Bass	210 —	Josiah Hardy	300 —
Jon^a Fairbank	330 —	Moses Burpee	270 —
John Davis	30 —	Nathan Burpee	170 —
Wm Bancroft	130 —	Jonathan Wilder	60 —
Do	90 —	Timothy Brown	61 " 10 —
Manasseh Sawyer	165 —	Nathan Burpee	46 " 10 —

Reuben Gerrish	£ 180	John Frost	£ 700
Jeremiah Burpee	100	Abr Perry	203
Samuel Burpee	700	Heirs of Powers	337 10
Jon[a] Whitcomb	18	Benj Parrott	42
Jonas Bailey	100	Peter Smith	150
Levi Robbins	561	Josiah Houghton	45
Nathan Nelson	33 10	Do	205 10
Josiah Fairbank	400	Jon[a] Nelson Jr	673 8
Eph[m] Bainton	420	Jon[a] Bailey	23 1
Ebenr Thompson	60	Ebenr Pope	45 12
James Richardson	15	John Smith	34 18
Wm Pettenant	27	Joseph Peavey	15
Daniel Wood	1500	Eph[m] Rogers	600
Dan[l] Gillman	300	Jon[a] Whitcomb Jr	296 18
Do	232	Thom[s] Burpee	748
Do	270	Joseph Hall	18
James Richardson	38 16	Josiah Houghton	2704
Hs Trigg Jr	18	Solomon Jewett	250
Samuel Snow	520	Josiah Houghton	1052 10
James Richardson	1243 10	Daniel Jewett	45
Do	300	Jon[a] Whitcomb	139
Do	24	Amos Johnson	420
Do	845	Nath[l] Wright	1150
Solomon Jewett	473	John Spofford	700
Do	24 10	Timothy Brown	300
Do	38	Do	300
Do	15	Do	400
Do	12	Do	300
Solomon Stuart	385	Do	300
John Brown	7 16	Daniel Wood	740
Do	105	Do	2000
Do	864	Do	450
Do	250	Josiah Fairbank	400
Nathaniel Wright	15 6	John Palmer	1000
Do	100	Ephraim Rogers	750
Do	250	David Wood	450
Do	500	Nath[l] Eaton	90
Moses Burpee	330	Do	858
Mosa Cowen	30 18	Nathaniel Bearman	525
Samuel Sawyer Jr	120	Elisha Phelps	280 17 6
Do	130	Moses Nickerson	127 11
John Chandler	200	Gardiner Phelps	253
Nathaniel Houghton	1245 6	Rachel Phelps	60
Josiah Kendall	338 14	Elijah Phelps	372
Samuel Clark	270	John Nichols	160 10
Eph[m] Whitcomb	75 12	Josiah Ballard	100
Caleb Whitney	33 18	Elisha Phelps	200
Joel Houghton	600	Nathaniel Bearman	645 12
Do	126	Rachel Phelps	525
Jon[a] Whitcomb	400	Do	90
Tho[s] Knight	67 10	John White	179
Do	375	Daniel Whitford	355
Do	75	John White	68
Wm Brown	1500	Gardiner Wilder	30
Tho[s] Wright	32 10	James Carter	750 16 10
Tho[s] Wait	60	Calvin Wilder	370
Tho[s] Nash	406	Jonathan Wheelock	484
Do	45	John Wheelock 3d	220 15
Daniel Jewett	243		
Do	265		
	45		

Samuel Adams	£ 927
Ruth. Farmer	180
Samuel Adams	600
John White	371 " 9
Jonas Clyman	484 " 10
Do	300
John Winchester	252
Samuel Adams	300
Joseph Beaman	78 " 15
Manasseh Knight	248 " 2
Tohos White	288
Samuell Adams	45
John Seargant	450
James Carter	310
Gardener Phelps	30
Josiah Ballard	57 " 16
John White &c	196 " 16
Manasseh Knight	52 " 16
Wm Greenleaf Esq	100
Daniel Waldo	600
David Wood	2000
Nath.l Wetherd	126
Nath.l Bath	57 " 12
Daniel Waldo	400
Tho.s Gaffer	100
Daniel Waldo	300
Edward Robbins	100
Jonathn Knight	27 " 10
Simon Willard	105
Winthrop Phelps	600
Wm Greenleaf Esq	200
John Sprague	393 " 15
Jonas Clyman	493 " 10
John Sprague	642
Michael Marshall	90
Johnson Carter	£ 361 " 3 " 6
Wm Willard Jr.	14 " 13
Tho.s Bennet	
Nehemiah Newton	400
Jon.a Whetmore	90
Samuel Adams	113
Phineas Upham	97 " 10
Daniel Waldo	260
Nath.l Sawyer Jr.	600
Nath.l Bath	450
Ruth. Farmer	900
Gardener Phelps	105
Abel Rugg	150
John Rugg	35
Jonathn Flagg	570
Josiah Sergeant	826
John Sergeant	94 " 3 " 4
Aaron Wainwright	100
Ebn Sprague	150
Peter Coden	100
Jeremiah Wheelock	350
Samuel Adams	336
Phineas Upham	60
Simon Willard	45
Jonathn Knight	315
Hatch Phelps	200
Hatch Phelps	27
Do	213 " 5
Samuel Adams	540
Samuel Sawyer	766
Tho.s Sawyer	100
Dudley Parker	60
Ebn Sprague	90
Gardner Phelps	48
John Bowes	60
John Robbins	141 " 10 " 5
Sum Total	£ 13916 2 " 3 " 10

(a) M. Rec.d from Sam.l Lyons Northamk Town Treasurer for Year 1780 £ 533 3 " 1 " 16 " 3
F. Treasurer D.o by sundry Orders Drawn on Him as above 139162 " 3 " 10

Ballance Due from S.d Treasurer £ 3967 19 " 12 " 5

Entered by Josiah Leavitt {Town Clerk}

Benj.a Richardson
Josiah Kendall Jr.
Samuel Sawyer Jr.
Solomon Spinett
David Sewell
} Selectmen of Lancaster

Rec.d Receipts of the Moneys assessed on the Town of Lancaster by the Assessors of S.d Town Sept the Year 1780 - - - - 2 14

Sept 10 S.d Town State at - - - £ 183000 " 0 " 0
23 a County Rate at - - - - 588 " 2 " -
a State Rate at - - - - 43607 " 6 " 8
Sept 30 a State Rate (Silver) - - 870 " 0 " 0
a Town Rate (Wheatlowes) - 5000 " 0 " 0
Nov.r 4 a Town Rate - (N.o Bushels) 750 " 0 " 0
Dec.r 4 a State Rate - - - 44333 " 6 " 8
a County Rate - - 2073 " 1 " 7
1781 Jan.y 5 a Town Rate - (N.o Bush.s) 1800 " 0 " 0
a Town Rate - (N.o Bush.s) 6562 " 10 " 0

Johnson Sparrow
Nath.l Bowman
Thomas Sawyer
Jon.a Wellington
} Assessors of Lancaster

Feb.y 26 1781.

Entered by Josiah Leavitt Town Clerk

Warrant for a Town Meeting April 2 1784.

Worcester ss.

To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to give in their Votes for a Governor, Lieu.t Governor and Senators for Counsellors, as likewise & those qualified to Vote in Town Affairs

Greeting

You are hereby Notified and Warned to Meet at the Meeting House in s.d Second Precinct in Lancaster, on Monday the second Day of April next, at One O'Clock P.M. for the following Purposes

1st To Give in Your Votes for a Governor, Lieut Governor, and Senators for Counsellors & Senators, for y.e Year ensuing

2d To Choose a Moderator

3d To see if the Town will come into any Method to pay those People that found Horses, and Waiting for the Army the last Year, or Act or Transact any Thing relative thereto

Josiah Leavett Town Clerk.

Lancaster March 17 1784

By Order of the Selectmen

Proceedings at a Meeting April 2 1784

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, legally Warned & held at s.d Meeting House in the Second Precinct in s.d Town on Monday the second Day of April A.D. 1784 Voted & acted as followeth

1st Gave in their Votes for a Governor, as followeth — Viz.t for His Excellency John Hancock — No. 56

Jacab Gerrish Esqr — 1

2d Gave in their Votes for a Lieut Governor — Viz.t for Thomas Cushing Esqr — 38

Jacob Getrish Esqr — 1

3d Gave in their Votes for Persons for Senators & Counsellors — Viz.t

Samuel Baker Esqr	No. 29
Joseph Dorr Esqr	28
Moses Gill Esqr	28
Seth Washburn Esqr	16
Israel Nichols Esqr	14
Seth Reed Esqr	6
Wm Dennimore Esqr	5
Daniel Chase Esqr	3
Wm Page Esqr	3
Capt Walt Balch	3
John Sprague Esqr	2
Jon.a Gorbut Esqr	1
Jon.a Ward Esqr	1

4th Chose Capt Benj.a Richard, an Moderator

5th Voted that the Selectmen, give orders on the Town Treasurer, for the Payment of those Persons, that found Horses & Boarding for y.e Army the last Year

6 Voted to Dissolve this Meeting

Benj.a Richardson Mod.r

Entered By Josiah Leavell T. Clerk.

Proceedings of an Adjournment at March Meeting from March 20th

Lancaster ss. 2 1784. Then and at the Meeting Was Legin the Second Session in Lancaster was readily to adjournment from the 20th Ult & acted as followeth.

Chas. Capt Solomon Jewett Moderator

Voted to allow Jonas Sherman 4 Yoke of Solomon Willard for the Year 1776

Chas. Ephraim Rogers an Overseer of the Poor in the Room of Thos Prentice Esq. Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Wednesday 4 o'Clock Afternoon at 6 o'Clock at this Place

Wednesday ss. Then Met agreable to adjournment from the second Session, & Voted to adjourn this three hours by Annual May Meeting at 3 o'Clock P.M. at this Place

Solomon Jewett Moderator
Entered by Josiah Lovell T. Clerk

Lancaster ss. 1784. Then Met agreable to Adjournment from 20th Ult. & acted as followeth

1. Voted to acknowledge & that the Assessors have done well Regard to Posting the Roads, as being agreable to y Act of Court
2. Voted to Dissolve this Meeting

Benj. Richardson Moderator
Entered by Josiah Lovell T. Clerk

An Act for dividing Lancaster from Sterling

Commonwealth of Massachusetts In the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred & Eighty One

An Act for incorporating the Second Precinct in the Town of Lancaster into a Town By the Name of Sterling

Whereas from the Increase of Inhabitants & Estates in said Precinct & other Causes many difficulties & inconveniences have arisen to the Inhabitants of said Town and whereas the Inhabitants thereof have petitioned the Court and humbly pray that the Second Precinct in said Town may be Incorporated & Town

Be it therefore Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the Authority of the same that the Second Precinct of Land situate in the County of Worcester bounded & described (Viz) beginning at the South East Corner of Lancaster & from thence a line East Twenty one degrees South one hundred & sixty Poles and from thence a line South eight degrees West two miles and an half and Twenty Poles which last line will be due West from Josiah Sawtells House and from thence a line North eighteen degrees West to a certain Place called the Foot of the Bear and Standing On South line near the Line of the Town of Shrewsbury be and hereby is Erected into a Town by the Name of Sterling and that the Inhabitants thereof & shall hereby be Invested with all the Powers & Privileges and Immunities

Lancaster and Sterling

Divided 1781

Resolve of Court

Which the Inhabitants of towns within the Commonwealth do or may by law enjoy Provided that the Inhabitants of said Sterling shall pay their proportion of the Sweraft taxes already assessed upon them by the said towns of Lancaster

And be it further enacted that the Sweraft Poors now supported by the said towns of Lancaster be equally divided and supported between & by said towns of Lancaster & Sterling

And it is further enacted that all the taxes Stock now belonging to said towns of Lancaster be equally divided between said towns of Lancaster and Sterling

And be it further enacted that Josiah Wilder Esq. be and he hereby is Empowered and directed to issue his warrant to some Principal Inhabitant of said towne of Sterling requiring him to warne the Inhabitants thereof to Meet at such time and place as shall be therein set forth to choose all such Officers as towns are by law required to choose in the Month of March annually, at which meeting all the Male Inhabitants present which are of the age of twenty one years Or upwards and Five Shall be admitted to Vote

In the house of Representatives June 25. 1781. This bill having had three Sweraft Readings Passed to be Enacted

Caleb Davis Speak.

In Senate June 25. 1781. This bill having had Two Sweraft Readings passed to be Enacted

Jeremiah Powell Pres.

Approved

John Hancock

True Copy. Attest. John Avery Jun.

Lancaster May 25. 1781. the above is a true Copy taken from the act of Court

Josiah Leavett Jun. Clk.

In the petition of the Town of Lancaster

Resolved that Josiah Wilder Esq. be impowered and directed to issue his Warrant to some Substantial Freeholder of the Town of Lancaster Requiring him to Warne a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town qualified to Vote for the Purpose of Choosing Town officers as the Law directs in the Usual manner & to transact other Town business and the Inhabitants at such meeting are impowered to Complete their Choice of Town Officers for the present year and the officers already Chosen and Sworne and now Residing in Lancaster are Confirmed in their respective offices and the said Josiah Wilder Esq. is also Impowered to issue a warrant for Calling a meeting for the Choice of Representative for Lancaster in like manner as Selectmen are not chosen time &c. that for there

In Senate May 2d 1781

Sent down for Concurrence

Jeremiah Powell Pres.

May 2d 1781 Read and Concurred

Caleb Davis Speak.

In the House of Representatives

Approved John Hancock

A true Copy John Avery Jun.

(12)

Worcester ss. To Mr Samuel Ward of Lancaster in said County Gentleman
Greeting
Agreable to a Precept of the great & General Court of the 2d Inst. you
are hereby in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Required
to warn a meeting of the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to Vote in
the Choice of Town officers to meet at the meeting house in said Lancaster
on Saturday the Nineteenth day of May Inst. at Eleven o Clock A. M.
For the purpose of Choosing in Choice of Town Officers for the
Present year and for transacting Town business
You are also hereby
Required to warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law to
Vote for a Representative to meet at the meeting house in said Town
on Saturday the Nineteenth day of May Inst. at two o Clock P. M. for
the purpose of Chusing a person to Represent said Town of Lancaster
in the great and General Court the ensuing year
Given under my hand &
Seal at Lancaster this fifth day of May A. D. One thousand Seven
Hundred and Eighty One
Josiah Wilder Just. Peace

Worcester ss May 5th 1781 In Obedience to the within warrant to me
directed, I have warned the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Lancaster
to meet at time & place and for the purposes within mentioned by
Posting up a Warrant at the meeting house in said Town
Fourteen days before said meeting Agreable to Law
Samuel Ward

(13) Worcester ss. May 5th 1781 To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the
Town of Lancaster qualified to Vote in Town affairs
Greeting
In the Name of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby warned to meet at
the meeting house in said Lancaster on Saturday the Nineteenth day
of May Inst. at Eleven o Clock A. M. to act on the following Articles Viz
1 To Chuse a Moderator to Govern said meeting
2 To Chuse all Town Clerk, Selectmen and any other Town Officers that
may be necessary for the present year
3 To Transact any other Town Matters which may Come before said
Town and be Mutually by Order of Josiah Wilder Esqr
Samuel Ward

Worcester ss May 5th 1781 To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of
the Town of Lancaster
Greeting
You are hereby Required in the Name of
the Commonwealth of Mass. to meet at the meeting
House in Lancaster aforesaid on Saturday the Nineteenth day of May
Inst. at two o Clock P. M. to Chuse a person to Represent said Town
in the great & general Court the ensuing year by Order of Josiah
Wilder Esqr
Samuel Ward

Lancaster May 19th 1781 at a Legall meeting of the Freeholders & other
Inhabitants of said Town Regularly Assembled to Vote in Town affairs
and being met Voted Accordingly (Viz)
1 Voted and Chose Josiah Wilder Esqr Moderator to govern said meeting
2 Voted and Chose William Greenleaf Town Clerk
3 Voted and Chose Nathan[illegible] to Be one of the Selectmen
Selectmen the ensuing year

4. Voted and Choose the Towne Clerk & the Selectmen as a Committee to Recover the Towne of Lancasters books from Mr Sterling

5. Voted to Chuse three Assessors for Lancaster this year

6. Voted & Chose Nathaniel Beaman Ephraim Carter & Samuel Wards Assessors

7. Voted and Adjourned this Meeting to next Monday Seven night the 26th day of this Instant at one a Clock P.M. at the meeting house in said Towne

Josiah Wilder Moderator
Wm Green Town Clerk

Lancaster May 26th 1781 by an Adjournment of this meeting the Nineteenth 1781: to the meeting holden in said towne at one a Clock P.M. the Inhabitants of said towne being met Voted Accordingly (Viz)

1. Voted and Chosen — Jacob Phelps, William Foster, Timothy Whiting — Overseers of the poor

2. Voted and Chosen — Johnson Fletcher, Ephraim Carter, William Willard — Commite of Inspection

3. Voted and Chosen — Nathaniel Carter, James Wilder — Wardens

4. Voted and Chosen — Josiah Ballard, Aaron Johnson, Daniel Cady, Joseph White, Daniel Gates, Jonas Farnsworth Junr, Timothy Whiting — Surveyors of Highways

5. Voted and Chosen — Samuel Thurston, Jonas Wyman — Fence Viewers

6. Voted and Chosen — Salmon Goodale, Nathaniel Carter — Fence Viewers

7. Voted and Chosen — Nathaniel Beaman, Samuel Brigham Junr — Cullers of Staves

8. Voted and Chosen — Joseph Carter — Sealer of Leather

9. Voted and Chosen — Moses Sawyer — Deer Reeves

10. Voted and Chosen — James Clark — Fish Reeve

11. Voted and Chosen — Thomas Gates, Silas White Junr, Silas Whitcomb — Sythers mans

12. Voted and Chosen — Samuel Wards — Sealer of weights & measures

13. Voted that 5/ be the price of a days work till the first of September next and 3/ afterwards and that Each Inhabitant be one the same proportion

14. Voted that the Surveyors be Collectors of the highway Tax of those persons who refuse or neglect to work out the said Tax

15. Voted that Five additions to the former Five be Chosen for Repairing Highways and bridges

16. Voted and dismist Aaron Johnson as highway Surveyor

17. Voted and Chosen William Willard Junr in the room of Aaron Johnson

18. Voted and Chosen Lyman Sherbank & Thomas Gates to assist the Selectmen in providing the Towne Stock with Stray

Voted the Selectmen be directed by the desire of a Justice of Peace to warn the several districts for the highway Surveyors

Voted to adjourn this meeting to this place at two O Clock P. M on the third Monday in June next the 18 day

Josiah Wilder Moderator
Wm Green Cleark

Lancaster June 18th 1781 by an Adjournment of this meeting from May the 28 1781 at the meeting House in said Town at two O Clock P. M. the Inhabitants of said town being met Voted Accordingly (Viz)

1. Voted and Adjourned this meeting to 8 O Clock this afternoon at the meeting House in said Town

By an Adjournment of this meeting from two O Clock to 8 O Clock this afternoon at the meeting house the Inhabitants of said Town being met Voted Accordingly (Viz)

2. Voted and Chose Sclr Green Town Treasurer

4. Voted and Resolved this meeting

Josiah Wilder Moderator
William Green Cleark

Lancaster June 18th 1781 At a legall meeting of the Freeholders & others Inhabitants of said Town Regularly Warned to Vote in Town affairs and being met Voted Accordingly (Viz)

1. Voted and Chosen Josiah Wilder Esqr Moderator

2. Voted to pay the Revd Timothy Harrington the present year so much money as shall make good the Original Contract and that he may pay June next one the Three hundred half of the December following for the Remainning part & that the Selectmen do Estimate the dearth from time to time Until he shall have Rec'd So much in real Value as would have made his Salary good as if paid at the above time when Stated in November

3. Voted the Chose 4 persons to ammend & alter the line between Lancaster & Sterling

4. Voted and Chosen Benjamine Houghton John Sprague Josiah Wilder & Nathaniel Beaman

5. Voted to Raise Money to defray Town Charges

6. Voted to make an Estimate of Town Charges

7. Voted to Chuse a Committee to make said Estimate

8. Voted to Chuse three as the above Committee

9. Voted and Chosen Cyrus Fairbank Nathaniel Beaman & Ephraim Carter as the above Committee

10. Voted and Adjourned this meeting till 1 O Clock P. M at the meeting House in said Town

By an Adjournment of this meeting from 1 O Clock to 7 O Clock this afternoon at the meeting house in the Inhabitants of said Town being met Voted Accordingly (Viz)

11. Voted to Raise Six hundred pounds this present year

12. Voted and prayed over the 6 Article

13. Voted and Resolved this meeting

Josiah Wilder Moderator
William Green Cleark

Lancaster June 18th 1781 At a legall meeting of the Freeholders & Inhabitants of said Town Regularly Warned to Vote in Town affairs & being met Voted Accordingly (Viz)

1. Voted and Chosen William Sumner Esqr to Represent this Town

2. Voted and Resolved this meeting

Nathaniel Beaman
Moses Sawyer
Selectmen
for the Cleark

William Green Cleark

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

(Vid) Worcester ss To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster that are Legally qualified to Vote in Town Affairs Greeting

You are hereby Required and Directed to meet at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the eighteenth day of this instant June at two o'Clock P.M. to Vote and act on the following Articles (Viz)

1st To Chuse a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2d To See if the Town will Release the Revd Timothy Harrington into Lawfull money

3d To See if the Town will Chuse a Committee to Reambulate the Town Line With the Town of Sterling

4th To See if the Town will grant money to defray Town Charges

5th To make an Abbatement of Town Charges

6th To See what the Town will do in Regard to the Petition Town against John Hunnewell & act & transact any thing Relating that matter

Given under My hand and Seale this Second day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty One

Wm Greenleaf J. Peace

By Order of the Selectmen

Worcester ss June 13 1781 These Warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants By posting One a Warrant at the meeting house According to Town

Wm Greenleaf Town Clk

(Vid) Worcester ss Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To Abel Phelps a Constable of Lancaster Greeting

You are hereby Required and directed to Warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the said Town qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at the meeting house in Lancaster on Friday the thirteenth day of July instant at two o'Clock P.M. to act on the following Articles (Viz)

1st To Chuse a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2d To See what method the Town will take to procure the beef Required By a late Order of the General Court and to Raise money to procure the Same and Chuse a Committee for the above purpose

3d To See what method the Town will take to procure the men for the three month Service Required by a late Order of the General Court and to Raise money for the Same and to Chuse a Committee to Hire said men

4th If the Town think proper to act or transact any thing Relating thereto

5th To See what method the Town will take to procure the Clothing Required by Court

6th To See if the Town will accept the Report of the Committee who Reambulated the the Towns of Lancaster and Sterling

Dated at Lancaster this tenth day of July Anno Domini one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty One

Nathaniel Bowman
Moses Sawyer
Joseph Carter
} Selectmen of Lancaster

Worcester ss June 13th 1781 These Warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants to meet at the time and place within Mentioned

Lancaster July 13 1781 Abele Phelps Constable

Lancaster July 13 1781 At a legalle meeting off the Freaholders and other Inhabitants
Off Said Towne Regularly Assembled to Act on our towne affairs and Being met
Voted Accordingly

1 Voted and Chose Ebenezer Allen Moderator (Viz)

2. Voted and Adjourned this meting till 3 O Clock this afternoone at the Place
Where Adjournment off the meting from 2 O Clock till 3 O Clock this afternoon
the Inhabitants being met Voted Accordingly (Viz)

3 Voted to Comply with the Generale Court Order Respecting beef for the Army

4 Voted to Chuse a Committee for purchasing beef as above

5 Voted to Chuse two of the Above Committe

6 Voted and Chose Thomas Gates and Daniel Trigg of a Committee

7 Voted to Raise two hundred pounds for procuring the Above beef

8 Voted to raise the three and five months mene agreable to generale Court Orders

9 Voted to Chuse a Committe to procure the Said mene

10 Voted and Chose Josiah Ballard Jeremiah Hasheld and Jashua Fish to Joine
With the Above Committee

11 Voted to pass the Clause in the third Article for Raising money

12 Voted to pass the 2 and 3 Article to out next meting

13 Voted and Adjourned this meting till the 23 day Instant July at 3 O Clock
Afternoone at the meting house in Said Lancaster

Proceedings of meeting July 13. 1781

{ Ebenezer Allen Moderator
{ William Greenleaf Jr Clerk

Lancaster July 23 1781 by an Adjournment off this meting from July the 13
Instant at the meting house in Said towne at 3 O Clock P. M. the Inhabitants
Off Said towne being met Voted as followes (Viz)

1 Voted to pass the Clause in the third Article in the warrant Respecting Soldiers
For the present

2 Voted to raise two hundred and Seventy five pounds to pay the three and five
months mene as menchined in the third Article

3 Voted to indemnify the present Committee for hiring the three and five months
Mene in Case and to hiring the Same in Every Respect the Committee
Exerting them Selves to the best off their Abilitys

4 Voted to dismiss the 4 Article Respecting Cloathing

5 Voted to pass the 5 Article in the warrant Chuse to out next meting for the
the Reporte off the Committee for Procureing the Line Between the towne
Off Lancaster and Sterling

6 Voted and dissolved that meting { Ebenezer Allen Moderator
{ William Greenleaf Jr Clerk

(D) Wemethersfs ..... Commonwealth ..... Ss To the Freaholders
..... To the Freaholders and other Inhabitants off the Towne off Lancaster
That are legally quatified to Vote in towne Affairs ..... Greeting
..... You are hereby Required and Invited to meet at the meting house in
Said towne on Monday the 11 day off September next at nine O Clock
a. M. to Vote and Act on the followeing Articles (Viz)

1 To Chuse a moderator to Governe Said meting

2 To See off the towne will give out Remuneration for Incouragement Relating to
Paying Interest on the number of Cow mene to Raise and Transact any thing
The towne Shall See fit for the publick good

1781.

To See if the Town will pay the Constables of said Town for gathering Taxes for the present year

To See if the Town will Grant the Selectmen to have the Bushel Cut down for the Easing of

To See if the Town will be at for the future Some part of what has been Allowed the Constables for gathering Taxes the past years

To See what the Town will do with the Continental Money that is in the Collectors hand

To See what the Town Can come into with Regard to paying the three month more there Advanced pay

Given under my hand and Seal this 20 day of July A.D. One thousand Seven hundred Eighty one.

By Order of the Selectmen

William Greenleaf J. Clerk

Worcester ss Sept 3. 1781 I have warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants By Posting up a warrant at the meeting house According to Law

William Greenleaf J. Clerk

Worcester Sept 3 1781 At a legall meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said Town Regularly Assembled to Vote in Townes Affairs and being met Voted as Followes (Viz)

Voted and Chose Ebenezer Allen Moderator

Voted and adjourned this meeting to eleven O Clock this forenoon at the the meeting house

By an adjournment of this meeting from nine O Clock this forenoon at the meeting house the Inhabitants being met Voted as Followes

Voted not to allow the Constables &c for gathering taxes this year

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Voted that the Constables and Collectors be denied not to Receive the Continentals money for taxes untill further Orders, towards Present taxes which the town Agree to and may Said Constables Collectors

Voted and adjourned this meeting till four O Clock this afternoon at the meeting house

by an adjournment of this meeting till four O Clock at the meeting house in Said Towne the Inhabitants being met Voted as Followes (Viz)

Voted that the Constables be denied to proceed Immediately to Collect the Money assessed on the towne to pay the Soldiers there money for the three Months Service and particularly there Marching Money

Voted to Indemnify the Constables for the year 1780 from all Cost and Charges that Shall Accrue by the Town Neglecting the Sum of one hundred and fifty or three hundred hard Dollar out of them hand to pay the Three months Soldiers there Advance pay

Voted to give instructions to our Representative Therein praying Justice over the Commissioners and Chose a Committee for that purpose Consisting of Mr Thos Sprague Josiah Wilder & Mr Greenleaf

Voted and Adjourned this meeting till Monday next at 10 O Clock the forenoon at the meeting house in Lancaster

Ebenezer Allen Moderator

William Greenleaf J. Clerk

Lancaster Sept.r 10 1781. by an Adjournment of this Meting from Sept.r 3 1781
At the Meeting house in said Town at 1 O Clock in the afternoon the Inhabitants of said Town being met Voted as Followes. (Viz)
1st Voted and Chose Josiah Wilder Esq.r Moderator in the room of Ebenez.r Allen
2d Voted to desire the Severale Captaines to Calle there Compainies together one
One Friday next at 9 O Clock A.M. at the Meeting house in said Town
And the Severale Constables are dirided to Exert there Selves to Collect as much
Money as Silver as possable for Paying the Soldiers their arrearis pay
3d Voted and Accepted the Report of the Committee for giving Instructions to
William Dunsmore Esq.r Our Representative
4th Voted and Adjourne this meting till Friday next the 14 day of this Inst.t
Sept.r at the meting house in said Town at 10 O Clock in the forenoon

Josiah Wilder Moderator
William Greenleaf Jun.r Clerk

Lancaster Sept.r 14 1781 By an Adjournment of this meeting from Sept.r 10
1781 at the meting house in said Town at 10 O Clock A.M. the Inhabitants
of said Town being met Voted as Followes (Viz)
1st Voted and desolved this meting

Josiah Wilder Moderator
William Greenleaf Jun.r Clerk

Worcester ss. Commonwealth of Massachusetts
To the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster
That are legally qualified to Vote in Town affairs Greating
You are hereby Required
and directed to meet at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the
Nineteenth day of this Instant November at Twelve O Clock at Noon to Vote &
Act on the Following Articles (Viz)
1st Voted and Chose a Moderator to Govern said meting
2d To See if the Town will Accept of the proceeding of the Committee with
Regard to there Settling with the Committee of the Town of Sterling
3d To See if the Town will Sell the Ores & Peak Lots and Grass Lots that belongs
Town of Lancaster
4th To See if the Town will pay Jonathan Heald Esq.r Some of his Cost
and Charges in defending Ejections brought by Josiah Willard Esq.r
Taking a Copy to pay the Ministerial Taxes
5th To See what the Town will with the money old and New Emessions that remains
in the Town and Procure Treasurer hands Constable & Collectors hands
Given Under
My hand and Seale this third day of November in the year of our Lord One
Thousand Seven hundred and Eighty One

William Greenleaf Jun.r Clerk

Worcester ss Nov.r 19 1781 I have warned the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of
Lancaster by posting Up a Warrant at the meting house in said Town

William Greenleaf Jun.r Clerk

Lancaster November 19 1781 At a Legall Meting of the Freeholders and
Other Inhabitants of said Town Duly Qualified to Vote in Town
affairs and being met Voted as Followes (Viz)
1st Voted and Chose Ebenezr Allen Moderator
2d Voted and Adjourned this meting to two O Clock this afternoon at the
Meeting house in said Town by an Adjournment of this meting
From 6 Clock this afternoon at the meting house in the Town

3. Voted to pass the Second article in the warrant at for the present and proceed to the third Article

4. Voted and dismiss the third article in the warrant

5. Voted to Act on the Second Article in the warrant

6. Voted and Accepted the Committees Report of Settlem with the Committee of Select

7. Voted to Chuse a Committee to Examine into the Case of Jonathan Kendalls Just to Set fourth in the warrant and Make Report to this meeting

8. Voted and Choose a Committee of three (Viz) Nathaniel Beaman Samuel Wardand Ephraim Carter Just at the Above Committee

9. Voted that the Towne present Treasurer Constables & Collectors make Report at our adjournment of the Sums both old and N Comission Remain in their hands

10. Voted and adjourne this meting to next Monday the 26 Instant at one o Clock P.M at the meting house in Said Lancaster

{Ebenezer Allen Moderator
{William Greenleaf Clerk

Lancaster November 26: 1781 By an adjournment of this meeting from November the 19 1781 to the meeting house in Said towne at one o Clock P.M the Inhabetants being met Voted as Follows (Viz)

1. Voted and adjourned this meeting till 4 O Clock P M at the meting house in Said towne by an Adjournment of the meting from one o Clock to 4 o Clock at the meeting house in Said town the Inhabetants being met Voted as Follows

2. Voted and allowed to Jonathan Kendalls Just £10.19.6 Lawfull Silver money at Barry for his Expence in defending an Actions brought by Josiah Willard

3. Voted and Chose a Committee to Settle with the present Treasurer Collectors With Regard to a Settlement with the Precincts

4. Voted and Chose a Committe of three (Viz) Ephraim Carter Nathaniel Beaman and Benjamine Houghton as the Above Committee

5. Voted that the Committee Chose to Settle with Sterling some time ago be Committee Still to Settle with the towne of Sterling with Regard to devideing the money old and N Comission and to let Sterling have there proportion of Said money that belongs to them from the towne of Lancaster

6. Voted and dessolved this meeting

{Ebenezer Allen Moderator
{William Greenleaf Clerk

Cost Worcester ss. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To the Constable or Constables of the town of Lancaster or Either of them Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You

are hereby required to warn the free holders and other Inhabetants of Said towne to give your voates that are Voters in towne affairs to meet at the meeting house in Said Lancaster on Monday the fortanth day of Jan.y Instant at 10 O Clock A.M to Act on the following Articles (Viz)

1. To Chuse a moderator to Govern Said meeting

2. To see the mind of Said towne in Regards to the Sale &c. of the General Court in laying and Levied upon Real Estate Mortgaged and to Act or transact any thing Relating that matter

Given Under our hand & Seals this ninth Day of January 1782 {Nathaniel Beaman} Selectmen
{Joseph Carter} of Lancaster

Lancaster Janu.ry 11 1782 At a Legalle meeting of the free holders and other Inhabitants of Said towne Thay being duly Qualifyed to Vote in towne affairs Did being met Voted Accordingly

1st Voted and Chosen Cyrus Fairbank moderator

2d Voted to adjourn this Metle to 12 O Clock this day at this Place

at 12 O Clock our adjournment the Inhabitants being met at time and Place Voted Accordingly

3d Voted to Instruct the Representative of Lancaster Respecting the Impost at

4th Voted to Chuse a Committee for the Above purpose

5th Voted to Chuse three as the Above Committe

6th Voted to Recommend the 3 article for Instructing our Representative in Regard to the Impost at

7th Voted and desolved this meeting

Cyrus Fairbank Moderator

Wm. Greenleaff Jr. Clerk

Lancaster March 4th 1782. We the Subscribers have Estimated the Salary of the Revd Timothy Harrington for Sterling

Indian Corn @ ..... Lon 3..4

Rye @ ..... " 4..6

Beef @ ..... " 3p "

Pork @ ..... 4 "

Shoes &c to ..... £102..10..0

Nathanl Beaman
Samuel Wyeth
Ephraim Carter Junr
Assessors of Lancaster

To the Inhabitants of the towne of Lancaster ..... Gentlemen

We the Subscribers, having Preambulated the line betwixt the towne of Lancaster and Sterling Doe Agreed that the Said devision line, is, and Shalle hereafter Be prefixed as Follows ..... Viz

Beginning at a White pine Stump ..... The Southwesterly Corner of Leominster, and Running East, twenty one degs South half a mile and four Rods allowance for Swag of Chaine to an Oak tree, thence South Seventy degs West two miles and one hundred and Twenty Rods (and one Allowance) & thirty five Rods for Swag of Chaine) to a heap of Stones Eighty three Rods due west of the Southwesterly Corner of Jonas Fairbanks House, thence South thirty thirteen degs West to a Small White Oak tree or Stadle on Shrewsbury Bounds, and ine so direct line Southwards a Certaine Potatoe Cattle the foot of the Scare below Sawyers Mills ..... Josiah Wilder

John Sprague
Nathaniel Beaman
Ezra Houghton
John May Junr
Jonathan Nelson Junr

Lancaster July 13th 1781

Worcester ss (Seal)

To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs — Greeting

In the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts, You are directed to meet at the Meeting house in s^d Town on Monday the 4th day of March next at 9 o'Clock in the Morning for the following Purposes — vizt —

1st To Chuse a Moderator to Govern said Meeting —

2^d To Chuse Town Officers for the Year ensuing it being your annual meeting for that Purpose —

Warrant for March Meeting for 1782

3^d To grant Money to defray Town Charges the ensuing year

4th To See what Money the Town will grant for repairing High ways & building & repairing Bridges, and ascertain the price & Labour for men Oxen & Utensils —

5th To See what money the Town will grant for Schooling the present Year — —

6th To See what method the Town will adopt with regard to keeping the Grammer School the present Year —

7th To see if the Town will allow Phineas & Benjamin Houghton to work out their Highway Taxes between their Dwelling Houses & Phelps's Mill —

8th To See if the Town will accept of a Road laid out from Mr. John Prescotts Mill pond Easterly two rods wide to the river by the House of John Prescott Junr & from the river Easterly thro' the Land of John Pollard & Josiah Coolidge to the Road leading from Lancaster to Worcester —

9th To See if the Town will allow to Mr. Jeremiah Haskell the money he paid Samuel Adams for the Soldier Tax for hiring men for 3 years

10th To See if the Town will accept of a road laid out from Peter Larkins to Bolton line about 90 Rods —

11th To See if the Town will set off Ste^n Wilder, Simon Butler Jotham Wilder, Silas Wilder & Peter Larkin to the South Parish in Bolton

12th To See if the Town will allow Daniel & Nathan Willards Account for Supporting Patience Wyman —

Given under our hands & Seal this 18th day of February 1782

Nathaniel Beman
Moses Sawyer
Joseph Carter
} Select Men of Lancaster

Copy Entered by
Sam Ward Town Clerk

Lancaster March 4th 1782 the said Town being Legally
Assembled Passed the following Votes – viz:

1st Voted & Chose Peter Green Moderator

2d Voted to Adjourn this meeting to 11th – the Town being met
accordingly & adjournment voted as follows – viz)

3d Voted to Pass over the Selectmen Concerns for the present –

4th Voted & Chose Samuel Ward Town Clerk

5th Voted & Chose Mess.rs Nathaniel Beman, Joseph Carter,
& Moses Sawyer Selectmen

6th Voted Peter Green Town Treasurer

7th Voted to Adjourn this Meeting one hour – the Town
being met accordingly Voted as follows – viz) –

8th Chose Nathaniel Beman, Samuel Ward & Ephraim
Carter Assessors

9th Chose, Simon Willard, Joshua Sidelinker, Ebenez.r Allen
Overseers of the Poor

10th Chose Sam.l Wright, Daniel Rugg, Jeremiah Starkell
as a Committee of Inspection

11th Chose John Phelps & Thos.s Gates Wardens

12th Chose Gard.r Wilder, Wm Kendall, John Nichols, Jonas
Wyman, Daniel Goss, Jonas Fairbank, Sam.l Whiting
Stephen Wilder Surveyors of highways

13th Chose, James Wilder, & Nathaniel Starkell Field Drivers

14th Chose, John Robbins & Josiah Sawyer, Hemp Viewers

15th Chose Nathan.l Beman & Samuel Wilder Cullers of Staves

16th Chose, Joseph.s Carter Sealer of Leather

17th Chose, Moses Sawyer Deer Reeve

18th Chose, James Clarke Fish reeve

19th Chose, Samuel Wilder, Jeremiah Starkell & James Goodwin
Fithing Men

20th Chose Thomas Gates, Sealer of Weights & Measures

21 Chose, Nath.l Eaton Constable for the North side of the river

22 Chose, Joel Osgood Constable for the South side of the River

23 Voted to Raise Four hundred pounds to defray Town
Charges, Eighty pounds of which to be Schooled out
in Squadrons as formerly

24th Voted to Dismiss the 9th Article in the warrant

25th Voted to Dismiss the 10th Article in the warrant

26th Voted to Dismiss the 11th Article in the Warrant

Proceedings of March meeting for 1782

Turn over –

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in April next at 1.o Clock in the after noon ——

attest Saml Ward Townsller — Peter Green Moderator

Proceedings of the adjourned March 1st Meeting 1702

Lancaster April 1st 1702 the Town being met agreable to adjournment from the 4th of march last Passed the following Votes

1st Voted & Chose Lyrus Fairbank, & Wm Willard overseers of the Poor in the room of Ebenezer Allen & Joshua Fletcher who refused to Serve

2d. Voted to accept of the return of a Road laid out from John Prescotts Mill pond Easterly agreable to a return of the Select men on condition the Town is not burdened with the cost of a Bridge, Provided that Mr. John Prescott & his Son John take up with the Common allowance for their Land, in common & undivided Land in the Town ——

3d Voted to Dismiss the 12th article in the warrant ——

4th Voted to adjourn this meeting to 4.o Clock this afternoon

The Town being met according to adjournment

5th Voted to accept of Abel Rugg as Constable in the room of Jock Osgood ——

Voted that this Meeting be dissolved

Attest Saml Ward Townsller — Peter Green Moderator

Worcester ss – To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Qualified to give in their Votes for Governor Lieu.t Governor & Persons for Counsellors, as likewise those Qualified to Vote in Town affairs — Greeting

(Seal),

You are hereby Notified & warned to meet at the Meeting House in said Town on Monday the 1st day of April next at 10 o'Clock in the forenoon for the following Purposes

1st To Give in your Votes for Governor Lieu.t Governor & Persons for Counsellors & Senators for the year Insueing

2d To Chuse a Moderator —

3d To See if the Town will Chuse one or more persons to meet at Convention to be held at Worcester on the 2d Tuesday of April next at 9 o Clock in the Morning, there to take into Consideration the many Grievances the good people of this County at present Labour under & to petition the General Court for Redress & to act or transact any thing Relative thereto —

Warrant for meeting April 1st 1782

4th To See if the Town will build a work House for the poor of said Town —

5th To See if the Town will Consent that Peter Larkin & others be Sett off to the South Parish in Bolton which is going to be incorporated into a Town

Given under our Hands & Seal this 28th day of March 1782

Nath.l Bennan
Moses Sawyer
Joseph Carter
} Selectmen of Lancaster

Lancaster April 1st 1782 The Town being Legally warned & Assembled Passed the following Votes viz:

Voted & Chose Peter Green Moderator

Voted & Chose Capt. Dan.l Whiting & Capt. Ephraim Carter as Delegates for the County Convention

Voted, to build a work House for the Poor of said Town & Chose Jon.a Whitney, Jervice Willard, & James Goodwin as a Committee to build the said work House, which is to be 30 feet by 15 ——

Voted not to Set off Peter Larkin & others to the South Parish in Bolton ——

Voted that this meeting be Dissolved ——

Peter Green Moderator

Proceedings of the Town meeting April 1st 1782

The same day, viz.t April 1. 1782 the said Town being Duely Warned & Assembled for the Purpose of Chusing Gov.r Lieu.t Gover.r Counsellors & Senators and the Votes being called for by the Select men, & being brought in & Sorted Stood as follows viz.t For Governor, Hon.ble James Bowdoin 32 votes

Do —— for his Excell.y John Hancock 12 Do.

Do. for And.w Oliver Esq.r —— 2 Do.

For Lieu.t Gover.r { Hon.ble Thos. Cushing . . . 20 / Hon.ble Artemas Ward —— 8

For Counsellors & Senators { Joseph Dorr Esq.r . . . 23 / Moses Gill Esq.r —— 23 / Sam.l Baker Esq.r —— 23 / Jn.o Sprague Esq.r —— 17 / Seth Reed Esq.r —— 12 / Jon.a Warner Esq.r —— 6 / Henry Brownfield Esq.r — 5 / Jon.a Ward Esq.r —— 5.

Voted that this Meeting be dissolved ——

Nath.l Berman, Moses Sawyer, Joseph Carter } Select men

Test Sam Ward Town Clerk

Worcester ss. To the Free holders & other Inhabitants
(Seal) of the Town ~~of the Town~~ of Lancaster
legally Qualified to Vote for Representa-
tive, and in Other Town affairs — Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are warned to meet at the meeting House in said
Town on ~~Friday~~ the 17th day of this Instant may at 12
o'clock for the Following purposes viz: —

1st To Elect one or more persons to represent said Town
in the Great & General Court the year Ensuing —

2d To Chuse a Moderator —

3d To see if the Town will give instructions to their Representative

4th To see if the Town will grant the Petition of Peter Larkin
& others, in regard to their being set off to Bolton as a Town
and to Act or Transact any thing relateing to that matter

5th To see if the Town will accept of a Road laid out from
Peter Larkins to Bolton Line

Warrant for May Meeting 1702

6th To see if the Town will raise money to be work'd out
at High ways & bridges and to Ascertain the price of Labour
for men, Horse, Oxen, & Utentials —

7th To see if the Town will raise money to build a work House

8th To see if the Town will Empower the Surveyors of High ways
to Collect the High way Tax —

9th To see if the Town will Accept the Selectmens Account
of the Credentials of the Town, which was Exhibitted at
the last March Meeting —

~~(illegible)~~

~~(illegible)~~

10th To see if the Town will Allow to Deacon Fairbanks the Class Tax
of John Hannahs —

11th To see if the Town will allow to Samuel Carter & others, the pay
for a Rote he has against the Town for Rye — And you are
to make return of this warrant with your doings thereon
at the time above mention'd — Given under our hands &
Seals this 13th day of may 1702 Wm. Beman } Selectmen
Test Sam. Ward Town Clerk Joseph Carter } of Lancaster

Lancaster 14th May 1702 by vertue of the above warrant we
have warned all the Free holders & other Inhabitants of Sd Town to meet at
time & place as mentioned in Sd Warrant

Abel Rugg } Constable
attest Sam Ward Town Clerk Wm. Eaton } of Lancaster

Proceedings of May Meeting

Lancaster May 17th 1802 at a Legall Town meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Said Town Legally Qualified to vote for Representatives and in other Town affairs voted as follows, viz —

1st Voted to adjourn for one hour — then the Said Town met and chose John Sprague Esqr. Representative for this present Year

2d. Chose Peter Green Moderator —

3d. Voted to Choose a Committee to Instruct the representative

4th Chose Wm Greenleaf Esqr. Capt. Jno. Whiting & Josiah Wilder Esqr. a committe for that purpose

5th voted not to grant the request in the 4th article in the warrant

6th Voted & accepted of the request in the 6th article provided the owners of Said Land will accept of common and undivided lands for their pay According to former Custom

7th voted to raise Sixty pounds to be worked out in repairing Highways & Bridges —

8th Voted that the price of Labour &c. be as follows — for each man P. day 3/ Oxen 1/6 horse 1/ cart 1/8 — to the last of September and afterwards, for a man 2/ P. day Oxen 1/ Horse 1/6d. cart 1/6. —

9th Voted to pass over the 9th article —

10 Voted to pass over the 8th article

11th Voted to pass over the 9th article

12th Voted to allow to Deacon Fairbanks the Class Tax of John Hannaly

13th Voted to allow to Samuel Carter half his note against the Town for Rye &c. —

14th Voted to Dissolve this meeting. — Peter Green Moderator

Recorded P. Sam Ward Town Clerk

Worcester ss To the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally Qualified to vote in Town Affairs — — — — Greeting

(Seal)

In the name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to meet at the meeting House in said Town on Monday the 12th day of August next at 3 o'Clock P.M. to Act on the following Articles viz. — — — — — Warrant for a Meet. of Augt. 12th 1782

1st To choose a Moderator to Govern said Meeting —

2dly To take into consideration the very pressing request of the General Court for money, as set forth in their resolves & Circular letter of the 4th of July Current which will then be laid before the Town — — —

3dly To see if the Town will raise money to build & repair Bridges in s.d Town — Given under my hand and Seal the 27th day of July AD. 1782 By Order of the Selectmen

Sam.l Ward Town Clerk

Lancaster August 12th 1782 The above warrant was Posted up at the meeting House in s.d Town more than 14 days before the time set for said Meeting — Sam.l Ward Town Clerk

Lancaster August 12th 1782 The s.d Town being met agreable to the above warrant passed the following votes viz — Proceedings of a Meeting held Augt 12th 1782

1st Voted & chose Mr. Ebenezer Allen Moderator —

2d Voted to raise Fifty pounds to be worked out at high ways & Bridges —

3d Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to wait on Ephraim Fairbank Esq.r and inform him that the Town have had the resolves of Court & his Circular letter laid before them, and requested to attend on the 19th Instant & pay him what money they can Possibly spare —

4th Voted to Dissolve this meeting — Ebenezer Allen Mod.r

Recorded P.r Sam.l Ward Town Clerk —

Warrant for a meeting the 19th Aug. 1782

To Abel Rugg one of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster Greeting —

(seal) In the name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts

You Are hereby directed to Warn the free holders & other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet at the meeting House in said Town on Monday the 19th day of August Instant at 3 o'Clock in the afternoon to Act on the following Articles, viz:

1st. To Chuse a Moderator to Govern S.d Meeting —

2d. To see what the Town will do in regard to defending the Constables of said Town in case they should delay distraining the people for their Taxes, or Petition the General Court or act or Transact any thing relating thereto —

3d. To see if the Town will Act or Transact any thing relating to the Shakeing Quakers —

4th. To see if the Town will raise £10-0-0 pounds in addition to the fifty pounds raisd last monday, to be worked out at Highways & Bridges — Given under our hands & Seals the 12th day of August 1782 — Nath.l Berman } Select men
Recorded P. T. Ward Town Clk — Moses Sawyer } of
Joseph Carter } Lancaster

N B. You are to make return of this warrant unto the Subscribers at or before the time above mentiond

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Return of the same

Lancaster August 19th 1782 ~~Pursuant to within mentioned~~
In obedience to the above warrant I have warned the free holders & other Inhabitants of the S.d Town to meet at time & place as directed in S.d Warrant — Abel Rugg Constable for S.d Town —

Proceedings of Town meeting Aug.t 19th 1782

Lancaster Aug.t 19th 1782 the S.d Town being met agreable to the above mentiond Warrant the following Votes were passed —

1st Voted & Chose Mr. Peter Green Moderator
2d Voted to Dismiss the 2d Article in the Warrant —
3d Voted to Raise Ten pounds to be worked out at highways & Bridges
4th Voted to Adjourn this meeting to Monday the 2d day of September next at 3 o'Clock P. M. to the Meeting House in S.d Town

Entered pr. Tho.s Ward Town Clerk — Peter Green Moderator

Lancaster September 2d 1782 The said Town being met agreable to an adjournment voted as follows viz —

Whereas Col° Greenleaf Sheriff of the County of Worcester has refused to take the Treasurers Certificates of the Constables of said Town of Lancaster, in discharge of the last October Tax, Therefore Voted to Chuse a Committee to appeal to the General Court to know whether he had a right so to refuse —

Proceedings of the meeting Sept: 1782

Voted & Chose John Sprague Esq: a Committee for the above purpose, and that he be directed to Inform the Town of the Courts Opinion thereon as soon as may be — Voted to Dissolve this meeting —

Entr'd P. S. Ward Town Clerk — Peter Green Moderator

Worcester ss To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs . . . . Greeting

(Seal)

In the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to meet at the meeting House in said Town on Wednesday the first day of January next at 10 o'Clock in the forenoon to act on the following Artiles viz

Warrant for a meeting Jan: 1st 1783

1st. To Chuse a Moderator to Govern said Meeting

2. To see if the Town will raise money to build a work House in said Town and make an addition to the former Committee for building said House —

3. To see if the Town will chuse a Committee to Petition the General Court for a Lottery in said Town for the Purpose of building & repairing the Bridges in said Town or to act or Transact any thing relative thereto

Lancaster Dec: 16th 1782 By Order of the Select men —

Sam Ward Town Clerk

Lancaster January 1st 1783 The above mentioned warrant has been posted up at the Public meeting House more than fourteen days before the time sett for the said meeting —

P. Sam Ward Town Clerk

Proceedings of Town meeting m.y 1. 1783 —

Warrant for choosing Representative March 1783

Lancaster January 1st 1783 The Said Town being Legally Assembled agreeable to the within mentioned Warrant voted as follows viz ——

1st. Voted & Chose Deacon Cyrus Fairbank Moderator ——

2d. Voted to Dismiss the Second Article in Said Warrant

3d. Voted to Chuse a Committee to apply to the General Court for a Lottery for the Purpose of Building & repairing the Bridges in said Town ——

4th. Voted that John.s Sprague Esq.r Capt.n Tim.o Whiting Jun.r & Samuel Ward be a Committee for this Town to obtain an Act of Government for makeing good the Public Bridges over the great Streams in the Town of Lancaster by a Lottery and for Transacting any matter or thing expedient thereto ——

5th. Voted that the said Committee make report of their doings thereon at the next March Meeting ——

Voted to Adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in March next at 3.d Clock in the afternoon at this place

Entered p.r S.l Ward Townclerk — Cyrus Fairbank Moderator

Worcester ss. To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally Qualified to Vote for Representatives Greeting

(Seal)

In the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts you are hereby warned to meet at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the 3.d day of March next 4 o Clock in the afternoon to Elect one or more persons to represent said Town in the Great & General Court in the room of the Hon.ble John Sprague Esq.r who is chosen into the Senate. Dated at Lancaster the 17th day of February in the Year of our Lord A.D. 1783 — By Order of the Select men ——

Sam.l Ward Townclerk

Lancaster March 3.d 1783 the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town being duly warned & Legally assembled. and the Question being put by the Select men to see whether the S.d Town would chuse a Representative in the room of Mr. Sprague & it passed in the negative ——

p.r Sam.l Ward Town Clerk

Lancaster November 10th 1781 Here followeth the
Settlement with the Towns of Lancaster & Sterling

We have found the demands upon the Towns above mention'd
to amount to . . . . . £ 83974.4.—
in the several constables hands . . . 62170.18
Ballance due from said Town —— £21803.6.—
which sum being divided between
Lancaster & Sterling is to each town { 10901.12.7

In the Constables hands belonging to Lancaster 37436.9—
In the Constables hands belonging to Sterling — 24734.9
62170.18—
Ballance due to Sterling from Lancaster — 13010.3—

The Town of Sterling Dr. to the Town of Lancaster
To a Receipt from the State Treasurer { 1429.10— } Settlement between Lancaster & Sterling
To Cash paid Deacon Fairbank — 620.3.2
2049.13.2
To Cash p.d at Templeton for the Poor of the Town of Lancaster Dr. —— { 6960.9.10 / 75 —
Ballance now Due to Sterling . — £11035.9.10
in Silver money is . 147.2.9
upon a Second Settlement due to Sterl.g silver money .7.3.4
£154.6.1

Errors Excepted

P. Nath.l Beaman
Moses Sawyer
Joseph Carter
Cyprus Fairbank
Thos. Gates
Benj.a Richardson
Josiah Kendall Junr.
Sam.l Sawyer
Solomon Sawtell
David Jewett
} Select men & Committee of Lancaster & Sterling

N.B If any Just Accot. shall Appear against the Town they must be Allowed

Entered by Sam.l Ward Town Clerk

Warrant for March Meeting 1783

Worcester ss (Seal) To the Free holders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs — — — — — Greeting

In the name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts you are directed to meet at the meeting House in said Town on Monday the 3d day of March next at 8 Clock in the forenoon to act on the following Artiles viz ——

1st To Chuse a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2d To Chuse Town Officers for the yeer ensuing it being your Annual Meeting for that Purpose — — —

3d To Grant money to defray Town Charges the yeer Ensuing

4th To See what money the Town will grant for repairing high ways & Bridges & repairing Bridges and ascertain the prise of Labour & for men Oxen Utensils &c ——

5th To See what money the Town will grant for Schooling

6th To see what Method the Town will adopt with regard to keeping the Grammer School — —— — —

7th To See if the Town will give the Revd Mr Harrington a note on demand & on Interest for what Sallery shall appear due to him from the 1st of Decr 1781 as also a note on demand & on Interest for what Sallery shall appear due to him from the 1st of Decr 1782 ——

8th To See if the Town will choose Collector for the Ministers Sallary for the Yeer 1783 ——

9th To See if the Town will Allow to Sam Adams & Fredk Albert the Counterfeit Money they took for Taxes in the 1780 Year as also to allow to Mr Joshua Fletcher the Counterfeit money he took as fines of Soldiers at Worcester & the Goal keeper

10th To See if the Town will allow to James Wilder the Clerk Tax & John Prentice's Poll ——

11th To See if the Town will allow Swine to go on the Common if they are well Yoked & ringed. dated at Lancaster the 15th day of February A D 1783. By Order of the Selectmen ——

Lancaster March 3d 1783 I SAM WARD Town Clerk of sd Town to meet at time & place agreeable to the above Warrant by posting as the law directs ——

test Sam Ward Town Clerk

Lancaster Monday March 3d 1783 The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town being duly warned & legally Assembled voted as follows

1st voted & chose Mr Peter Green Moderator

2d Voted & chose Samuel Ward Town Clerk

3d Voted & chose Samuel Ward Esq Capt Nath: Beaman & Mr Joseph Carter Select men

4th voted & chose Mr Peter Green Town Treasurer

5th Voted & chose Capt Nath: Beaman Sam: Ward & Mr Ephraim Carter Assessors

6th Voted & chose Capt Sim: Whiting Deacon Cyrus Fairbank & Dr Israel Atherton a Committee of Correspondance Inspection & Safety

Proceedings of March meeting 1783

Voted & chose Peter Thurston & Sam: Wilder Wardens

Voted & chose Jeremiah Ballard, Wm Kendall, John Robbins, Sam: Adams, Dan: Rugg, Thos Gates, Jon: Wilder, Thos Sawyer, John White Junr — Surveyors of Highways

Voted & chose Jonas Fairbank Junr & David Horsley Field Drivers

Joseph White, Cyrus Fairbank, Pound Drivers

Nath: Beaman & Sam: Wilder Junr, Sealers of Staves

Joseph Carter Sealer of Leather

Moses Sawyer Deer Reeve

James Clark Fifth Reeve

Voted & chose Capt Dan: Goss John Robbins & Col: Wm Greenleaf Fithing Men

Capt Thomas Gates Sealer of weights & measures

Voted & chose Nathan Willard & Levi Wilder Constables

Voted to Accept the Select Men's Acct of the Prudentials of the Town for the year 1782

Voted to Raise Six Hundred pounds for Town Charges & Eighty pounds of which is to be schooled out in Squadrons as formerly

Voted to Raise One hundred & Twenty pounds to be worked out at highways & Bridges

Voted that the price of Labour for men Oxen Cart Horses Essentially & be the same as last year

Voted not to chuse Collectors for the Ministers Tax

Turn over

Voted to Allow Interest to the Revd Simd Harrington for what Sallery shall appear due to him from the 7th day of December 1701. also for what shall appear due to him from the 7th of Decr 1702

Voted to Adjourn this meeting to 3 oClock P.M. at this place met According to Adjournment & Voted as follows

Voted that the Assessors be a Committee to Settle with the Revd Simd Harrington & see what Salley is due to him that so he may have a note for the same of the Treasurer

Voted that the Town Treasurer be directed to give the Revd Mr Harrington a note of hand for what shall be found due upon Interest Agreeable to the above Votes

Voted to Allow to Ensign Albert Constable for the year 1700 the Value of Two Sixty Dollar Bills which are Counterfeit

Voted to allow to James Wilder John Prentice's Poll Tax in the Last Rate also his Poll Taxes in Constable Alberts Tax Bill

Voted to Allow to Samuel Adams the Value of 702 Continental Dollars which are Counterfeit According to the Scale

On the Article of Mr Fletchers Paper Counterfeit money Voted & past it over

Voted not to Let the Swine run at Large

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the annual Meeting in April next at 4 oClock in the afternoon at the Meeting House

Peter Green Moderator

Entered — Per Sam Ward Town Clerk

N B. I have delivered Lists of the afore Mentiond Town Officers to Constable Nathaniel Eaton with directions to warn them to take their Oaths as the Law directs

Test Sam Ward Town Clerk

Proceedings of March Meeting 1703

Lancaster February 21st 1703 Here followeth an Account of the Prudentials of the Town of Lancaster for the year 1702 the assessors of said Town have made a high way Rate of the Sum of Sixty pound and have deliverd lists of the Same to the Surveyors, they have also made two State Taxes of £155 0. 6. 8. and deliverd lists thereof to the Constables for s. year & sent certificates to the State Treasurer & have also made a Town Tax of the Sum of £297. 10/ & also a Minister Tax of the Sum of £102. 10/ and have deliverd lists of the same to the Constables of said Town with warrants to collect the same & pay as followeth (viz) the Town part to be paid to Peter Green Town Treasurer by the first day of Wooth

Here followeth the Acco't of the Town of Lancaster with Peter Green Town Treasurer —

Peter Green Town Treasur. to the Town of Lancas. Dr.

To Cash recd. of Constable Sam. Adams	—	£	77 . 11 . 4
To Do. Do. of Do. Freedk Albert	—		44 . 14 . 11
To Do. Do. of Do. Moses Smith	—		159 . 7 . 3
To Do. Do. of Do. Abel Phelps	—		142 . 8 . 8
To Do. Do. of Do. Nathl. Eaton	—		12 . 9 . 6
To Do. Do. of Do. Abel Rugg	—		41 . 13 . 2
		£	478 . 4 . 10

Cash in the Several Constables hands 900 —

P. Supra . — . — — — — Cr.

By Sundry orders drawn upon the Treasurer by the Selectmen viz

By an order in fav. of Sam. Adams for old Emission	—	£	31 . 19 . 2
By Do. in fav. of Do. for Do.	—		45 . 12 . 2
By Do. in fav. of Sarah Albert	—		. 8 —
By Do. in fav. of Dr. Atherton	—		. 15 . 8
Do. Do. Josiah Bennett	—		. 12 —
Do. Do. Joseph Carter	—		1 . 2 . 7
Do. Do. Do. Do.	—		4 . 9 . 1
Do. Do. John Carter	—		. 18 —
Do. Do. Ephr.m Carter	—		6 . 16 —
Sam.l Lovey	—		— 6 —
Cyrus Fairbank	—		. 10 . 11
Thos. Gates	—		1 . 3 —
Wm. Kendall	—		8 —
Wm. Locke	—		— 16 . 1
Josiah How	—		1 . 4 . 3
Sam.l Johnson	—		4 —
Carried Over	—		108 . 12 . 11

Brot Over	£	108.12.11
By an order in favr of John Preist 2nd		2.8
Do in favr of John Pollard		3
John Serjant		4
Levi Moor		15
Levi Moor		9.2.7
Dant. Rugg		3
Eber Sawyer		6
Wm Tooker 3 Orders		1.10
Saml Wilder		3.7.4
Saml. Wilder		8
James Wilder		9
Artemas Willard		6
Moses Smith 2 orders		22.2.4
Wm Locke		17.0
David Hosley		12
Elisha Johnson		2.11.10
Ethan Phillips		16
Levi White		12
Dant. Rugg		8.17
John Hawthy		1.16
Wm Tooker		12
Edwd Robbins		4.4.2
Ruth Farmer		2.3.8
Nathl. Wyman 2 orders		10.11.8
Nathan Willard		12.8
Thadr. Pollard		14.6
Michael Newall		17.16.6
Wm Willard Junr		16.4
Wm Willard Junr 3 orders		13.9.8
John Cleverly		10.7.1
Dant. Willard		12
Aaron Johnson		2.9.6
Jonas Wyman		1.2.4
Aya Munroe		6
Israll Willard		11
Dant. Rugg 2nd		4.4
Wm Greenleaf		4.15.8
Eber Sawyer		1.10
Saml. Adams		1.4
Saml. Phelps		9
Carried Forward		286.16.5

Brot. forward ——— £286 16. 5

By an order in favr. of Jeremh. Hartwell ——— £5. 19. 1

Timo.	Whiting	6. 8
Jonas	Wyman 4 orders	7. 10. 10
Nathl.	Wyman 2 orders	13 —
Saml.	Johnson	4 —
Luke	Wilder	6 —
Peter	Green	6. 8
Cyrus	Fairbank	5. 3. 6
Do.	Do.	5. 8
Do.	Do.	8 —
Jona.	Wilder	1. 16 —
Saml.	Carter	3. 12. 6
Moses	Sawyer	14. 11
Wm.	Locke	18. 5
Do.	Do.	1. 4 —
John	Prigg	2. 15 —
John	Prescott	4. 15 —
Alpheus	Moor	12. 5 —
Abijah	Phelps	8 —
Freedl.	Albert for Sundrys due him	44. 14. 11
Brot. Timo.	Harrington's Rect.	71. 7. 2

£476. 5. 9

Peter Green Town Treasr. debt brot. Forward ——— 478. 4. 10

Ballence due from P. Treasr. to the Town ——— £1. 19. 1

But standing Orders according to our best Estimation is about ——— £1100 —

Cash in the Several Constables hands ——— 900 —

The Town in debt ——— £200 —

Lancaster March 3d. 1783

Nathl. Beaman, Moses Sawyer, Joseph Carter } Select men of Lancaster

Entered by Saml. Ward Town Clerk

Worcester ss. To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally Qualified to vote in Town Affairs, Also to those that are Qualified & Vote for Gov.r Lieu.t Gov.r Councellors and Senators . . . Greeting —

(seal)

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are Required to Meet at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the 7th day of April next at one of the Clock P.M. to Act on the following Artieles viz.s —

1st To give in your votes for Governor Lieu.t Governor Councellors & Senators it being your Annual Meeting for that Purpose —

Warrant for the Annual meeting in April 1783

2d To Chuse a moderator & Govern sd Meeting —

3d To See if the Town will Allow to Isaac Wyman the Value of Some Counterfeit Money which he took when Constable in the Year 1776 . . . —

4th To See if the Town will allow the Select men and sd of the Prudentials of the Town for the Year 1781 —

5th To see if the Town Chuse a Committee to Superintend the rebuilding and making Good the Public Bridges & Causeway in the Town to Purchase & contract for Materials for the Same, hire workmen &c. and to draw Money out of the hands of the Managers of the Lottery for the Payment of the Same, or to Act or Transact any thing relative thereto — Given under my hand & Seal the 22d. day of March AD 1783 —

By Order of the Select Men

Sam Ward Town Clerk

Lancaster April 7th 1783 The above warrant has been posted up at the meeting house more than fourteen days — Sam Ward Town Clerk

Lancaster April 7th 1783 the said Town being legally assembled this day passed the following Votes viz^s

1st. the Select men called for votes to be brought in for Governor for the year Ensueing which were accordingly brought in, and it appeared there was 21 votes for John Hancock Esqr & 23 votes for James Bowdoin Esqr ——

2d. for Thomas Cushing Esqr 30 Votes for Lieu^t Govern^r

3d. voted for Counsellors & Senators viz^s ——

Moses Gill Esqr	26 votes
Saml Baker Esqr	26 do.
Artemas Ward Esqr	26 do.
John Sprague Esqr	25 do.
Jon^a Warner Esqr	25 do.
Israel Nichols Esqr	1 do.
Jon^a Ward Esqr	1 do.

Proceedings of Town Meeting April 7th 1783

Voted & chose Mr. Peter Greene Moderator ——

Voted & chose Deacon Cyprus Fairbank Capt Thos Sprague & Saml Ward a committee to settle with the three Months men & report at the next meeting —— Bridge Commit^e

Voted to allow to Jon^a Wyman the Value of Seven pounds of Counterfeit money which he says he took for Taxes provided he makes oath that he took the same money for Taxes as Constable for this Town ——

On the 5th Article Voted to chuse a Committee of five men to superintend the rebuilding & making good the Public Bridges & Causeways in s^d Town & to draw money out of the hands of the managers of the Lottery for payment of the same they to be accountable to the Town for all the money so drawn out — Voted that Jon^a Whitney, Ephraim Carter Junr Gard^r Wilder, Jonas Fairbank Junr & Moses Smith be a committee for the afore s^d purposes of rebuilding the s^d Bridges &c

Voted to Adjourn this meeting to the 3^d monday in May next at 3 o'Clock in the afternoon ——

Peter Green Mod^r

Entered p^r Saml Ward Town Clerk

Lancaster April 7th 1783 By an Adjournment of
last march Meeting to this day the said Town being
legally Assembled Accordingly, passed the following Votes
Voted to Accept of M.r Nath.l Willard as Constable in
the room of Nathan Willard who was chosen at the
last march meeting ——————

Proceedings of the Adjournment of march meeting Apr.l 7th 1783

Voted to Accept of Samuel Serjant as Constable in
the room of Levi Wilder who was chosen at the last
march meeting, the said Levi & John Serjant father
of the said Samuel being bondsman to the Town for the s.d
Samuel, to save harmless the said Town ——
Voted to Accept of Major Gard.r Wilder as Surveyer in
the Stead of Jeremiah Ballard ——————
Voted to Adjourn this meeting to the 3.d monday
in May next at 4.o Clock P.M. ——————
Entered. P. Sam.l Ward Town Clerk Peter Green Moderator

Worcester ss (seal) To the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Sun caster Legally Qualified to vote in Town Affairs Greeting

In the name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to meet at the meeting House in said Town on Monday the 20th of October Instant at one o Clock P. M. to act on the following Articles vizt

1st To Chuse a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2dly To see if the Town will allow to Constable Fred^k Albert the rates of John Hannahs, John Coolidge & Thos Holt for the Year 1780

3dly To see if the Town will allow to Fred^k Albert the Cost of An Execution against him for the Silver money Tax

4th To see if the Town will allow to Samuel Adams the rates of David Baldwin for the year 1780

5th To see if the Town will allow to Constable Smith the rates of David Baldwin & Daniel Ball for the Year 1781

6th To see if the Town will allow & abate the rates of any other person or persons being indigent and unable to pay that may apply for an abatement of the same

Dated at Lancaster the 6th day of October 1783

By order of the Select men

Sam Ward Town Clerk

Warrant for a meeting Oct^o 20. 1783

Lancaster October 20th 1783 At a meeting of the Free holders & other Inhabitants of said Town Legally warned and being duly assembled Voted as follows vizt

Proceedings of s^d meeting the Oct^o 20. 1783

1st Voted & chose Deacon Josiah Ballard Moderator

2 voted to Dismiss the 2d Article respecting John Hannahs rates

3d Voted to allow Constable Albert the rates of John Coolidge for the year 1780

4th Voted not to allow to Constable Albert the rates of Thos Holt

5th Voted to allow to Constable Albert the Cost of an Execution against him for the Silver money Tax so called

6th Voted to abate the Poll Tax only of David Baldwin in all the rate Bills where his poll has been Taxed

7th voted not to allow the rates of David Baldwin to Constable excepting only his Poll Tax

8th Voted to allow to Constable Smith the rates of Daniel Ball for 1781

9th Voted that this meeting be dissolved — Josiah Ballard Mod^r

Entered. Pr^t Sam Ward Town Clerk

Lancaster Decr 16th 1803 The Assessors have
made a State Tax of ---- 826.13.8
Also a County Tax of ---- 21.7.5
a Town Rate of ---- 472 ---
& a Minister Tax of ---- 128 ---
And have committed lists thereof together with
Warrants for collecting the same to the following
Constables viz —

To Constable Saml. Sergant. State Tax 466.4.3
To Do — Do. Do — County Do — 11.18.7
To Do — Do — Town Tax 266.1.8
To Do — Do. Do. Minister Do — 78.7 —

To Constable Nath. Willard State Tax 360.9.5
To Do. Do. Do. County Do — 9.8.10
To Do. Do. Do. Town Tax — 205.18.4
To Do — Do — Do. Minister Do — 49.13 —

Worcester ss. To the Free holders & others Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally Qualified to Vote in Town affairs Greeting —

Warrant for a meeting Feb.y 2.d 1784

In the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts You are here by required to meet at the Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 2.d day of February next at one O'Clock P.M. to act on the Following Articles Viz.t —

1.st To Chuse a Moderator to Govern said Meeting

2.d To see what measures the town will take in order to discharge the Executions which are now out against the town — —

3.d To see what measures the town will take to Expedite the drawing of Lancaster Lottery and to Act or Transact any thing relating thereto —

Dated at Lancaster the 17.th day of January 1784. By Order of the Select.t men —

Sam.l Ward Town Clerk

Proceedings of a meeting Febr.y 2.d 1784

Lancaster February 2.d 1784 The Inhabitants of said Town being duly Notified & legally Assembled Passed the following Votes viz. — — — — — —

Voted & chose Deacon Cyprus Fairbanks Mod.r

2.d Voted to adjourn for half an hour. met at that time & proceeded to business —

3.d Voted that the Town Treasurer be directed to Issue his Exec.n Against the delinquent Constables & collect the Moneys due thereon & discharge the Exec.n which are now out against the Town

4.th Voted that the Managers of Lancaster Lottery be directed to commence drawing on the last Monday of march next —

5.th Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in march next at the meeting House at two o'Clock P.M. — — — — Cyprus Fairbanks Mod.r

Entered P. Sam.l Ward Town Clerk —

Worcester ss (Seal)

To the Free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs - - -

Lancaster March 1st 1784 At a legall Meeting of the
Free holders & other Inhabitants of said Town the follow
ing Votes were passed viz —

1st Voted & Choose Mr. Peter Green Moderator of s.d meeting

Voted & chose Samuel Ward Town Clerk —

Capt. Nath.l Beaman
Joseph Eaton
Jon.a Wilder
Jonas Fairbanks Jn.r
Jon.a Whitney
} Select men

Peter Green Town Treasurer

Capt. Ephraim Eaton
Capt. Sim.o Whiting Jun.r
Moses Smith
} Assessors

Edmund Heard
David Jones
} Wardens

John Prescott Jun.r
Asa Warner
} Constables

Proceedings of March Meeting 1784

Voted to adjourn to two o'Clock P.M. At which Wyman
the Town being met agreeable to adjournment voted as
follows viz —

Choose
Gard.r Wilder
Sim.o Knight Jn.r
Gurd.r Phelps
Wm. Phelps
Oliver Wilder
Cyrus Fairbanks
Paul Sawyer
John Pollard
Gersham Flagg
Wm. Locke
} Surveyers of Highways

James Wilder
Joel Phelps
} Field drivers

Abel Phelps
Dan.l Gates
} Fence Viewers

Nath.l Beaman
Sam.l Wilder Jn.r
} Sealers of Leather

Jon.a Whitney Surveyor of boards
Clayboards & shingles &c —
Moses Sawyer Deer Reeve
Gard.r Phelps Fence Reeve

Wm. Wilder
David Hosley
Phin.s Houghton
} Tithing men

Tho.s Gates Sealer of Weights & measures
voted to choose two Collectors for
the Ministers Salley for the year
ensuing —
choose John Ballard & Wm. Locke
Phelps Collector for the ministers Salley
Voted to excuse Asa Warner
from serving as Constable the
year ensuing 1st —
choose Aaron Johnson
Constable in his Stead —

Turn over —

Voted to raise Five hundred pounds to defray Town Charges &c. & that Eighty pounds of the same be Schooled out in Squadrons as formerly —

Voted to raise One hundred & twenty pounds to be worked out in repairing highways & bridges &c. — — —

Proceedings of march Meeting 1784

Voted that the price of mens Labour from the 1st of may to the 1st of October be 3/ p day & 2/ at all other Seasons — Oxen 1/6 p day, for a Horse of Cart 1/6 — — —

The Question being put to see whether the Town would build a Work House and it passed in the Negative —

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first monday in April next at 2 o Clock P.M. at the Meeting House —

Recorded by. Sam. Ward Town Clr — Peter Green Modr

Lancaster March 1. 1784 The Free holders & other Inhabitants of Said Town being legally met agreeable to Adjournment from Feby 2d 1784 Passed the following Vote, viz —

The Said Town having passed a Vote on the Second day of Feby last that Lancaster Lottery should commence Drawing on the last monday of march Instt and it so happens that the Court of Common pleas will Set at Worcester that week and as the managers of Said Lottery have business that will Necessarily oblige them to attend Said Court Therefore voted that Said Vote be reconsiderd also —

Voted that said Lottery Shall Commence drawing on the first Tuesday of April next also Voted that the Town will take to their own Rigque & account all the Tickets that shall remain unsold at that time —

voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Tuesday in April next at 3 o Clock P.M. at the meeting House

Entrd per Sam Ward Town Clr — Cyrus Fairbank Modr

Here follows an amount of the Precedential of the Town of Lancaster for the year 1783 with

Peter Green Town Treasr. To the Town of Lancaster -- Dr.

To Cash rec'd of the Several Constables - - - £380.7.11

To Supra - - - - - - - - - - &c.

By Sundry Orders drawn upon P. Treasr.
by the Selectmen viz. - - -

By an order in favr. of Nathl. Beaman for supporting the poor — 1.2.6
By do. in favr. of Jonas Wyman for Schooling - - 9.9.8
do. do. — Joseph Nichols for Timber - - 14 —
do. do. — Jona. Smith for keeping a poor child 1.14.8
Reuben Lipsen well for Supporting poor 12 —
John Robbins for Counterfeit money 1.3.6
James Wilder for Schooling in 1781 - 6 —
Wm. Dunmar Esqr. — - 8 —
do. in favr. of Nathl. Beaman for making Rates & procuring the Soldiers wages &c. & paying them off — 13.10 —
Cyrus Fairbanks for John Hannahs Tax - - 5 —
Joshua Sheldon for hiring men — 1.7.6
Jonas Wyman — for 1782 - - - - - 3.16 —
Wm. Greenleaf for Schooling - - - - 5.17.7
Wm. Greenleaf for a horse - - - 11.9 —
James Wilder for John Prentice Tax - 2.8 —
Danl. Goss for hiring 3 months men — 6 —
Cyrus Fairbank for Supporting the poor - 3.18.4
John Ballard - - - - 2.5 —
Fredk. Abbott for hiring 6 mo. men — 6.14 —
Jonas Wyman for Expences of Raising the Bridge 5.19.2
Fredk. Abbott for Abatemt. of Taxes Short Stanzed — 7.1.11
Levi Wilder for Supporting the poor — 2.8 —
Lucy Preist for Supporting her Husband — 3 — —
Wm. Knight for Schooling — 2 — —
Edwd. Robbins for Schooling - - - - 5.10.11
John Penny for wood for the poor — - 3 —
Simon Willard for Wood for the poor — 6.17.10
Jubenit Wyman — for the poor — 1.10 —
Cyrus Fairbank - - — do. — 2.18 —
Wm. Hosley for — do. — .19.9
Abel Phelps - — — do. — - 3.6
Wm. Willard for — do. — 3.15.2
Abel Phelps for hiring men — 1.2.10
Nathl. Eaton for Abating of John Pitts Tax 2.12.5
Abitha Phelps for Schooling — .12 —
Nathl. Beaman for Supporting the poor 4.2 —
John White — do. — .3 —
Jona. Smith — do. — 1.16 —
Aaron Johnson — do. — 3 — —
Lucy Preist for Schooling — 1.5.4
Carried Over — 142.8.7

Brot. over			142	8 7
By an Order in favr. of Sirion Willard for Schooling			2	6 8
Do.	Do. Aaron Johnson for the Poor		1	10
	Nath. Willard	Do.	3	
	Nath. Willard for Bridge Timber			18
	Jereh. Haskell for the poor			6
	Lois Haskell	Do.		6
	Ruth Farmer	Do.	3	15
	Wm Willard for Schooling		5	17 3
	Benja Whitte Willard for the poor			15
	Wm Wilder	do.		12
	Saml. A Danes for counterfeit money		2	16
	Jon. Whitney for Schooling		7	16
	Nath. Eaton for the poor		1	4
	Nath. Eaton for collecting Taxes		12	16
	Nath. Eaton for warning Town Meeting			12
	Dan. Rugg Junr. for Bridge Timber		2	10
	Joshua Fairbank for 3 mo. men		7	
	Ruth Farmer for Supporting the poor		3	2
	Ruth Farmer for Do.		2	10
	Jno. Bennett	Do.	7	
	Sarah Phelps	Do.	6	9
	Ruth Farmer	do.	3	17 6
	Ruth Farmer	do.	3	18
	Epht. Carter Jnr. for attending Convention		1	6 6
	Thos. Gates for Schooling		7	18 2
	Phinr. Houghton for cloathing the army			16
	Thos. Gates for Supporting the poor		1	13
	Thos. Gates for bridge Timber		1	12 8
	Saml. Wilder for cloathing		1	12
	Jonas Wyman for Expences for the over Seers of the poor &c		2	8
	Dan. Stearns for a Gun		1	10
	Jonah Ballard for Supporting poor		1	
	Jonas Fairbank for Bridge Plank		6	14 6
	Jonah Wilder for a Horse		10	
	Jonah Wilder for Doctring the poor		3	17 7
	Josiah Wilder Junr. for cloathing the army			16
	Joshua Fairbanks for 3 mo. Service		6	18 9
	Saml. Ward for Supporting the poor		1	13 3
	Gard. Wilder for Liquor for the Bridge			12
	Gard. Wilder for Schooling		4	1
	Abijah Fairbank for Cash for Service		8	18 7
	Jonah Ballard for Supporting the poor		1	10
	Jonas Wyman for keeping the meeting House		1	10 8
	Jno. Whiting for attending Convention		1	6 6
Carried over			£290	0 2

Prot. Forward . — — — — — 290.0.2

Pr an order in favor of James Carter for Schooling — — 12.1.—
James Carter for Doctr. to the poor — — 1.15.4
Joshua Thomas for Supporting D° — — 1.4.8
Gard: Wilder for Schooling & plank — — 3.8.—

£ 308.9.2

Debt Brot. Forward . — £ 380.7.11
Cr. Prot. down . — — — 308.9.2
Balt. now due from the Freaſurer £ 71.18.9
of said Town

To Cash now in the several Constables viz

In Constable Sam. Adams hands . £265. 12.2
D°. Fredk Alberts D° — 18. 2.10
D°. Abel Phelps D° — 112. 4.6
D°. Moſes Smith D° — 59. 17.3
D°. Nath. Eatons D° — 38. 3.10
D°. Abel Sprigg D° — 58 — 1
552.0.8

for the Year 1703 viz
In Constable Nath. Willard hands — 255.11.4
D° — Sam. Sprigg D° — 344.8.8 600.0.0
Total now in the Constables hands £ 1152.0.8
To the baltance now in the Treaſr hands
brot down — — 71.18.9
now due to the Sd Town — £ 1223.19.5

the
Lancaster Febr 7 28. 1704 Errors Excepted. —

P. Sam Ward
Joseph Carter } Selectmen
Nath. Beaman } of Lancaster

Entered P. Sam Ward Townclerk

Worcester ss.

(Seal)

To the Free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally Qualified to Vote in Town affairs also to Know that are Qualified to Vote for Governor Lieu.t Gov.r Counsellors & Senators — Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to meet at the meeting House in said Town on monday the 5.th day of April next at 1 Oclock P. M. to Act on the following Articles viz.

Warrant for the Annual Meeting in April 1784

1.st To give in your Votes for Governor Lieu.t Governor Counsellors & Senators it being your Annual meeting for that Purpose

2.d To Choose a moderator to Govern said meeting —

3.d To see if the Town will buy a road from near Edward Robbins running Eastwardly to the road near Sam.l Sandersons or Act or Transact any thing relating thereto. Lancaster March 20.th 1784

By order of the Select men

Sam.l Ward Town Cl.k

Lancaster April 5.th 1784 At the Annual Legal meeting of said Town held this day for choosing Governor Lieu.t Governor Counsellors & Senators the following Persons were voted for viz.

Proceedings thereon —

John Hancock Esq.r	7	for Gov.r
James Bowdoin Esq.r	15	
Maj.r Gen.l Lincoln	7	
Artemas Ward Esq.r	12	
Artemas Ward Esq.r	21	for Lieu.t Gov.r
Gen.l Lincoln	19	
Tho.s Cushing Esq.r	4	
James Warren Esq.r	1	
Moses Gill Esq.r	31	for Counsellors & Senators
Sam.l Baker Esq.r	31	
Artemas Ward Esq.r	31	
John Sprague Esq.r	31	
Jon.a Warner Esq.r	31	

Attest Sam.l Ward Town Cl.k

Lancaster April 5th 1784 The Free holders & other Inhabitants of said Town being legally assembled voted as follows viz —

Voted & chose Mr. Peter Greene Moderator

Voted to choose a committee to view the Ground for a Road from near Edward Robbins running easterly to Samuel Saunderson & make report to the Town —

Proceedings of the Meeting held April 5th 1784

Voted & chose Capt. Jona. Whiting, Deacon Josiah Bullard, Deacon Cyrus Fairbank, Edmund Heard & Jona. Wilder Esq. a Committee for the above purpose —

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the second monday in May next at 3 O'Clock P. M. —

Peter Green Moderator.

Lancaster April 5th 1784 —

At a meeting of the Free holders & other Inhabitants of said Town held this day by adjournment from the first monday in March last voted as follows viz —

Proceedings of the March Meeting by Adjournment

1st Voted to Dismiss Aaron Johnson from being Constable for the present year —

2d Voted & chose Daniel Willard Junr. Constable for the present year —

3d Voted & chose Capt. Nathl. Beaman an Assessor in addition to those already chosen —

4th Voted to adjourn this meeting to the second Monday in May next at One of the Clock in the afternoon

Peter Green Moderator

Attest Saml. Ward Town Clk —

Lancaster May 10th 1784 The P. Town being met this day agreeable to Adjournment voted to adjourn this meeting to Friday the 14th Inst. at three o'Clock in the afternoon — Peter Green Modr.

Lancaster May 14th 1784 the said Town being met agreeable to an Adjournment from the 5th of April 1784 to this day voted as follows viz, Voted to Adjourn this meeting to Friday the 14th Inst at 3 o'Clock P.M. Peter Green Modr.

Attest Saml. Ward Town Clerk

Worcester ss

(Seal)

To the Free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally Qualified to Vote for Representative and in other Town Affairs. - - - - - - - - - - Greeting —

In the name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts you are required to meet at the meeting House in said Town On Fryday the 14th day of may next at two oClock P. M for the following purposes viz ——

1st To Elect & choose one or more persons to represent said Town in the Great & General Court the year ensueing —

2d To choose a Moderator to Govern said Meeting —

3d To see if the Town will permit Capt. Sim.a Whiting to Fence the road leading from Sawyers Bridge so called through his land betwixt Solomon & Samuel Townsends and let it pass thro.' the said Timothys Land Six rods South of where it now runs ——

4th To see if the Town will allow to Isaac Eveleth his Poll Tax in Fred.k Albert Rate Bill made Feb.y 5th 1781 to raise Beef it being 13/2 new Emission

Warrant for May Meeting 1784

Lancaster April 30th 1784 —

By order of the Select men

Saml Ward Town Clerk

Lancaster May 14th 1784 the Free holders & other Inhabitants of said Town being legally assembled the following Votes were passed

1st Voted & chose the Hon.d John Sprague Esq.r to represent said Town in the General Court the year ensueing ——

2d Voted & chose Mr. Peter Greene Moderator of this meeting —

3d On the 3d Article the Question being put to see whether the Town would give Capt. Sim.a Whiting Leave to fence the road as mention.d in said Article And it passed in the affirmative that is durreing the Towns Pleasure ——

4th Voted to Dismiss the 4th Article respecting Mr. Isaac Eveleths Rates — then Voted to Dissolve this meeting ——

Peter Green Mod.r

Entered by Saml Ward Town Clerk

Lancaster May 14th 1784 the Free holders & other Inhabitants of
said Town being legally met this day Agreeable to Adjournment from
the 10th Inst. Voted as follows viz.

Voted to Dismiss Daniel Willard Junr from being Constable
the present year.

Voted & Chose Manasseh Knight Constable for the year ensueing.

Voted to Dismiss Manasseh Knight as Constable

Voted & Chose Jonathan Sawyer Constable for the year ensueing

Voted to Dissolve this meeting — Peter Green Moderator
— Entered P. Samll Ward Town Clerk

Proceedings of the meeting May 14. 1784

Lancaster May 14th 1784 The said Town
being legally Assembled Agreeable to adjournment from
the 10th Inst. the Committee appointed to View the Ground
for a road from near Edward Robbins to Samll Sandersons
Reported as follows viz — Lancaster 10th May 1784
We the Subscribers being Appointed a Committee to
Examine a Road to be laid out from Edward Robbins's
a cross to come out near Mr Samuel Sandersons
do report that for the present it is not Expedient
for the Town to do it — Josiah Ballard
Timo Whiting
Cyrus Fairbank
Comr Heard
Jona Wilder
} Committee

And the Question being put to vote whether the Town will
Accept of the above report & it passed in the Affirmitive

Voted to Dissolve this meeting. Peter Green Moderator
— Entered P. Samll Ward Town Clerk

Worcester ss (Seal)

To the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally Qualified to Vote in Town affairs and for Register of Deeds . . . . Greeting —

In the name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to meet at the meeting House in said Town on Monday the 6th day of September next at 3 o'Clock P. M. to act on the following Articles viz) . — — — — —

1st To bring in your Votes for Register of Deeds for the the County of Worcester . — — — — —

2d To Choose a Moderator to Govern said Meeting for Town Affairs . . . . . — — —

3d To see if the Town will choose a Committee to view & see which will be most convenient for the Town to Purchase a road thro' Quaspeonikin or to Build a Bridge a Cross the River in said Ponnikin and to appoint a place where said Bridge shall be set and to Lay out a road to said Bridge if need be and to make their report to the next meeting

Warrant for a meeting Sept. 6th 1784

4th To see if the Town will make an addition of one or more persons to the former Committee that were chose for the purpose of Building Bridges &c —

5th To see if the Town will Raise money to defray Town charges &c — — — — — — —

Lancaster August 23d 1784

By order of the Select men

Saml Ward Town Clerk

Lancaster Sept. 6th 1784 I have Warned the free holders & other Inhabitants of said Town to meet at time & place by posting the above warrant agreeable to Law — P. Saml Ward Town Clerk

Report of the
Subscription
Committee

Lancaster Sept. 21. 1804 the said Town being
legally Warned & assembled, Voted this day
to accept of the within report —

We the Subscribers being a Committee appointed to examine and determine which will be best for the Town to Purchase a Road through Quaise Pomahin. or to Build a Bridge over the River — Have attended that Service — and report our Opinion that it will not be so expensive to the Town, to purchase a Road through Quaise Pomahin, as to Build a Bridge — therefore best to purchase the Road if the Bridge can be dispensed with for the present —

Peter Green
Ebenezer Allen
Jno. Whiting
Jno. W Ritter
Ephraim Carter Jun

Committee

Lancaster Sept. 14. 1784

Lancaster September 6th 1784 The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town being legally assembled this day passed the following Votes viz —

1st The meeting being opened and the Votes being called for for Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester — and brot in it appeared that the following persons were Voted for viz —

Proceedings of a meeting held Sept. 6th 1784

For Timothy Paine Esqr — 39 Votes
Wm Benja Hayward — — 14
Wm Samd Allen — — 2 —

2d Voted & Chose Capt Nathl Beaman Moderator

3d On the 3d article Voted to choose a Committee to view the Road by Quaqaponikin as set forth in the warrant and make report at the next meeting —

4th Voted & chose Messrs Epher Carter Junr, Jona Whitney, Timothy Whiting, Ebenezr Allen, & Peter Green

5th Voted to Raise the sum of Four hundred & Sixty one pounds two shillings to be assessed Immediately —

6th Voted to Adjourn this meeting to Tuesday the 21st Inst. at the meeting House in said Town at three o'clock in the afternoon — Nathl Beaman Modr

Entered by Saml Ward Town Clerk —

Lancaster September 21st 1784 The Freeholders & other Inhabitants Legally Qualified to Vote in Town affairs being assembled this day by adjournment from the 6th Instant Passed the following Votes viz

Proceedings by adjournment on the 21st Sept.

1st Voted to accept the report of the Committee which was chose to view Quaqaponikin the 6th Inst. — — —

2d Voted to Purchase a road thro Quaqaponikin

3d Voted that the Select men be a Committee to Purchase a Road thro Quaqaponikin

4 The Question being put to see whether the Town would make any addition to the Committee for building Bridges and it passed in the Negative —

5th Voted to Dissolve this meeting —

Nathl Beaman Modr

Entered by Saml Ward Town Clerk —

Worcester ss

(Seal)

To the Free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs. Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby warned to meet at the meeting house in said Town on Tuesday the 21st Instant at 3 o Clock in the afternoon to Act on the following Articles viz —

1st To chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting —

2d To see if the Town will direct the Committee for building Bridges to notify the Inhabitants of said Town to work out their Taxes in the last Town Tax which was raised the 6th Instant, at the Bridges as they shall think proper and to give orders upon the Constables for the Same or to Act or Transact any thing relating to that matter —

3d To See if the Town will abate the Poll Tax of Zebulon Buteman in Constable Eatons Tax Bill —

Lancaster September 7th 1784. By order of the Select Men

Sam.l Ward Town Clerk

Warrant for a meeting Sep.t 21. 1784

Lancaster September 21. 1784 The Free holders & other Inhabitants of said Town being Legally warned and duly Assembled this day, passed the following votes viz:

1st Voted & chose Mr. Peter Green Moderator —

2d Voted to Adjourn this meeting for half an hour — then met and voted as follows viz 3d Voted that the Committee for building Bridges &c be directed to notify the Inhabitants to work out their Rates in the last Town Tax which was granted the 6th Inst.t at the Bridges and give Orders upon the Constables for the Same —

4th Voted to refer the affair of Zebulon Buteman's Tax to the Selectmen

5th Voted that the Committee for Building Bridges &c be directed to agree with the Inhabitants of this Town to work at the Bridges and for Timber & Stone and at such prices as they shall think fit

6th Voted to Dissolve this meeting — P. Peter Green moderator

Entered Sam.l Ward Town Clerk —

Proceedings of a meeting Sept.r 21. 1784

Worcester ss To John Prescott Junr one of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster . . . . . Greeting

In the name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to warn all the Free Holders & other Inhabitants in s.d Town in your Destrict Voters in Town affairs to meet at the Meeting House in s.d Town on Thursday the 18th day of Nov.r Instant at 10 o Clock in the fore noon to act on the following Artiles viz:

1st To give in their Votes for a Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester agreable to a warrant directed to said Town by two Justices of said County . . . . . Warrant for a meeting the 18th Nov.r 1784

2d To Choose a Moderator to Govern s.d Meeting

3d To see if the Town will take into Consideration & Determine upon Measures Necessary to discharge the Sum the Managers of Lancaster Lottery have Sued the Town for with the Costs attending the Prosecution

4th To see if the Town will Chuse a Committee to request of the Committee chosen to Inspect the Building the Bridges and repairing the Causeways in the Town of Lancaster a Just Accot of the work done to the Bridges & Causeways under their direction with the Expence attending it

5th To see if the Town will choose a Committee to demand of the Managers of Lancaster Lottery the deduction of the 1st & 2d Class of s.d Lottery also to request of them the State of the 3d Class in their hands with the Accot of the Necessary Expences for managing the 1st & 2d Class including their pay for managing the Same and to act or Transact any thing relating to said Lottery — Given under our hands & Seals this 15th day of November 1784 — Lottery Matters

Nath.l Beaman
Jon.a Whitney
Jonas Fairbank Jun.r
Joseph Carter
Jon.a Wilder
Selectmen of Lancaster (Seals)

Entered by Sam.l Ward Town Clerk

Lancaster Nov.r 16th 1784 I have warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Voters in Town affairs to meet at the Meeting House on Thursday the 18th Instant at 10 o Clock in the forenoon according to the request of the within writ — John Prescott Jun.r Constable

Recorded by — Sam.l Ward Town

At a legeil meeting of the Free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Qualified to Vote in Town affairs at the Meeting House in said Lancaster on thursday the 18th day of November 1704 at 10 Clock A.M. — — —

1st Voted for a County Regester viz —

For Timo. Paine Esqr. — 21 Votes —

For Colo. Clap — — 11 Do —

2d. Chose Nathaniel Beaman Moderator

3d. Chose Edmund Heard Clerk Pro. tem —

4th Voted to Choose a Committee for Settleing with the managers of Lancaster Lottery agreeable to the 5th Article in the warrant for S.d meeting

Proceedings of a Town meeting Novr. 18. 1704

Voted & Chose Messrs. Ephraim Carter Junr. Timo. Whiting Junr. and Edmund Heard as a Committee for the above purpose

Voted that the Selectmen be Impowered for to Borrow such a Sum of money as they shall think propper for the use of the Town — — — — — —

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday next at one Clock P.M. — Nath.l Beaman Moderater

Attest Edmund Heard Clerk Pro Tem —

Entered P. Saml. Ward Town Clerk —

Lancaster 22d Novr. 1704 the Free holders & other Inhabitants of said Town being legally Assembled by adjournment from the 18th Instt. passed the following Votes viz —

Voted to Accept of the Accounts this day exhibited by the Managers of Lancaster Lottery of the 1st & 2d Classes but the Allowance of 4 P.ct not to be considered as a Precident in future —

Proceedings of a Town meeting Novr. 22d 1704

Voted to Impower the Selectmen to hire money & Settle with the Managers for the ballance of what the Town owes the managers of S.d Lottery being £ 3 17. 0. 9/2 —

Voted to Pass over the 4th Article in the Warrant —

Voted that the present Committee viz Capt. Ephrm. Carter Capt. Timo. Whiting Junr. & M.r Edmund Heard be a Committee to Enquire what the Common Custom is for managers to have for managing a Lottery

Voted to Dissolve this meeting — Nath.l Beaman Moderator

Entered P. Saml. Ward Town Clerk —

Worrester ss To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the
(Seal) Town of Lancaster Legally Qualified to Vote in Town
Affairs and for Register of Deeds — — Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are hereby required to meet at the meeting house in
said town on monday 7th day of March next at 10 o'clock
A. M. to act on the following articles viz —

1st To chuse moderator to govern said meeting
2d To grant money to defray town charges
3d To chuse town officers for the year ensuing it being
your annual meeting for that purpose —
4th To give in your votes for Register of deeds for said County
5th To see what money the town will grant for repairing
Highways &c and to ascertain the price of labour for
men Oxen, Utensials &c. — — — —
6th To see if the town will impower the Surveyors of
Highways to collect the highway rates of all those
that do not work out their rates after being duly
warned thereto they to be accountable for the same
to the Treasurer in the same manner as the collectors of other
taxes are — — —
7th To see what money the town will grant for schooling
8th To see what method the town will adopt with regard to
keeping the Grammar school — —
9th to chuse Collectors for the Ministers Salary —
10th To see if the town will hire a Collector or collectors
of all the taxes (except the Ministerial tax) he or they
giving bonds to indemnify the town
11th To see if the town will impower the town Treasurer to give —
Security to the heirs or administrators of the Estate
of James Pratt for so much money as the Revd Sim.
Harrington owd him Mr Harrington discounting he came with the town
12th To see if the town will chuse a committe to purchase the
back part of Mr Spragues house and provide a place to
sit the same Dated at Lancaster February 18th 1785. Turn over

Warrant for March meeting 1785

Warrant for march meeting 1705 Continued —
By Order of the Select men - Sam.ll Ward Town Clerk
Entered & Examind by Sam.ll Ward Town Clerk —

Lancaster March 7th 1705 I have caused the within Warrant to be Posted fourteen days before said meeting Agreeable to Law — P. S. Sam.ll Ward Town Clerk

Lancaster March 7th 1705

The Free holders & other Inhabitants of Said Town being Legally Assembled this day agreeable to the foregoing Warrant Passed the following Votes viz —

1st Voted & Chose Mr. Peter Greene Moderator —
2d Chose Samuel Ward Town Clerk —

Capt. Nath.l Beaman
Joseph Carter
Jon.a — Wilder
Jonas Fairbank Jun.r
Jonathan Whitney
} Select men

Proceedings of March Meeting 1705

Peter Green Town Treasurer

Nath.l Beaman
Eph.m Carter Jun.r
Sim.n Whiting Jun.r
Moses Smith
} Assessors

John Phelps
Thomas Bennett
} Wardens

Voted to hire Collectors of all the Taxes Except the ministerial Tax and that the Select men be Impowered to agree with some Suitable person or persons for that purpose they giving bonds to Indemnify the Town

Chose Manasseh Wilder Collector for the ministers Salary on the South side —
Chose Gardner Phelps a Collector for the ministers Salary on the north side

Voted that the Surveyers of High ways be Impowered to Collect the high way rate of all those persons that do not work out their Rates after being warned thereto they the Surveyers to be Accountable to the Treasurer in the Same manner as the Collector of other Town Taxes are — Continued

The Votes for Register of Deeds being called for bro.t in and Sorted the following persons were Voted for viz —

For Timothy Paine Esq.r — — — 32 Votes
Col.o Dan.l Edes — — — — 26 Do

Voted to Adjourn till 2 o'Clock P.M —

Met agreeable to adjournment & Voted as follows

Chose — Jocl Osgood, Willm Wilder, Aja Warner, Michad Newall, Willm Wilder Junr, Edward Johnson, Aaron Phelps, Stephen Wilder, Joseph Foxwell, Edmund Heard: } Surveyors of High ways

Chose Cyprus Fairbank Timothy Knight Junr, Field Drivers
Chose Perrion Willard, Jonas Fairbank Junr, Fence Viewers
Chose Wm Bc Beaman, Saml Wilder Junr } Cullers of Staves
Chose Jonathan Whitney Surveyer of Clayboards & Shingles
Chose Moses Sawyer, Deer Reeve
Chose Gardner Phelps Fish Reeve
Chose Manasah Wilder, Samuel Johnson, Nathan Sprague } Tithing men

Proceedings of March Meeting 1785

Chose Capt Thomas Gates, Sealer of weights & measures
Chose Joseph Carter, Sealer of Leather —
Voted to Raise Five hundred & fifty pounds ~~to defray Town~~ to defray Town Charges, and
Voted that £100 - of it shall be schooled out
Voted to Choose a Committee to Enquire into the State of the Several School Squadrons and make a new Regulation so that there may be a Squadron or Squadrons so large nearly in the center of the Town as will by Sufficient to main=tain a Grammer School two the year and make Report at the next meeting —
Voted that the Assessors together with Gersham Flagg be a Committee for the above Purpose —
Voted to Raise £80 - to be worked out at High ways &c.
Voted to Allow for work for men Oxen, Utentials &c. the Same as Last year —

Continued —

Voted that the Town Treasurer be directed to give Security to the Heirs or Administrator of the Estate of Samuel Pratt for so much as the Revd Timothy Hartington owed him he discounting the same with the Town

Proceedings of March Meeting 1785

Voted to Choose a Committee to Choose a Committee to Purchase the back part of Wm Spragues old House if they see fit and provide a place to set the same

Voted that the Select men be a Committee for that Purpose and to make report at the next meeting

Voted To adjourn this meeting to the 1st Monday in april next at one o'Clock P. M at the Meeting House — Peter Green Moderator

Entered by Samll Ward Townsclk

Here follows an Account of the Prudentials of the Town of Lancaster for the year 1784 . . . . . .

Peter Green Town Treasurer To the Town of Lancaster — Dr.

To Cash received of the several Constables with £71.18.9 in his hands Last year . . . — £929.11.1

By Sundry orders drawn by the Select men on the Treasurer — — viz —

Pd by an order in favour of Ruth Farmer for keeping Pherson	£1.19—
D.° — Jon.ª Smith for keeping the Poor	2.14.8
D.° Jon.ª Smith for keeping	2.5.4
D.° Joseph Farwell for D.°	1.12.0
D.° Wm Willard for schooling	3.11.3
D.° Jonas Wyman for counterfeit money &c	7.0.0
D.° Aaron Johnson for keeping the poor	6.5.0
D.° D.° — for D.°	4.11.9
D.° Lucy Preist for D.°	0.12.0
D.° Thomas Bennit for D.°	1.16.0
D.° Lucy Preist for D.°	1.16.0
D.° Thos Bennit for D.°	2.0.0
D.° Ruth Farmer for D.°	1.19.0
D.° D.° — D.°	0.10.0
D.° Joseph Farwell for D.°	1.10.0
D.° Lucy Preist for D.°	0.12.0
D.° D.° — — D.°	3.16.0
D.° Joseph Farwell for D.°	3.15.1
D.° by Ruth Farmer for D.°	2.14.0
D.° Thos Bennit for D.°	18.1.10
D.° Abigail Wyonard for D.°	0.18.0
D.° Nath Beaman for taking valuation &c	3.6.0
D.° D.° — — for schooling	1.4.—
D.° Thos Bennit for the poor	5.0.—
D.° Zebulon Butman for abatements of taxes	16.8
— Carried Over	£80.5.7

Prudentials for 1784

Prudential for 1784

Cr Brot over	£80 4 5 7
Ryan order in favr of Abraham Bateman for schooling	1 4 4
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do do Jeremiah Haskell for schooling	2 8 0
do do John Robbins for do	5 0 0
do do Nath[l] Willard for Collecting Taxes	9 7 6
do do Joseph Carter for the Poor	0 6 0
do Solomon Townsend for Do	1 18 10
Do Lucy Preist for Do	
Do Jonas Fairbank for Bridgeplank	18 0
Do Daniel Rug for the poor	1 10 0
Do Joseph Carter for Do	2 2 0
Do Sam[l] Ward for making taxes	6 13 4
Do Do for the poor	6 0 0
Do Gard[r] Wilder for schooling	3 18 2
Do Sam[l] Ward for schooling	11 12 0
Do Jonas Wyman for Selectmens expence	5 5 6
Do Joshua Fairbank for the poor	2 14 8
Do Lucy Preist for Do	3 0 0
Do Moses Sawyer for schooling	0 12 0
Do Thomas Allen for Do	2 0 0
Do John Carter for the poor	1 0 0
Do Stephen Wilder for schooling	0 8 0
Do John Carter for Rye	2 0 8
Do Cyrus Houghton for schooling	0 6 0
Do Lucy Preist for the poor	1 17 6
Cyrus Fairbank due as treasurer	1 0 0
Do Nath[l] Houghtons	19 6 9
Do Reuben Holcomb for paying Sterling	4 0 0
Do Lucy Preist for the poor	4 8 11
Do Aaron Johnson for Do	2 0 0
Do Sam[l] Jaslyn for hiring soldiers	0 6 0
Do Moses Sawyer for money lent the town	0 18 0
Do Do for the poor for the three orders	1 12 3
Do Lucy Preist for Do	2 6 8
Do Tim[o] Whiting Jr for schooling 1782	2 1 0 0
Do Thos Bennitt for the poor Do Do 1783	4 12 0
	4 12
	4 6 3
Carried Forward	£204 1 1

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D° John Prescot for D° the poor 1783 ---- 0, 9, 0 --
D° Wm Tooker for schooling 1782 ---------- 4 6. 0 -
D° Jeremiah Ballards for D° ---------- 8, 0, 0 --
D° Ephraim Carter junior 3 orders making taxes -- 9, 2, 0 -
D° Sam[l] Sargant for cash paid sterling ---- 80, 0, 0 -
D° Thos Bennitt for the poor ---------- 1, 16, 8
D° W[m] Locke for the selectmens Expence ------ 2, 16, 5
D° Thos Gates for the poor ---------- 2, 19, 2
D° Tim[o] Whiting for D° ---------- 0 13 2
D° Tho[s] Bennitt for D° ---------- 5, 0, 0
D° Simon Buller for schooling ---------- 18:0
D° Aaron Sawyer for a gun ---------- 1, 10, 0
D° Stephen Wilder for schooling ---------- 1, 16, 0
D° John Prescott for the poor ---------- 0, 16, 5
D° Mich Newell for schooling ---------- 2, 7, 0
D° Levi Wilder for the poor ---------- 1, 10, 0,
D° Lucy Preist for D° ---------- 2, 0, 0
D° Jonah Wilder 6 sq for D° ---------- 3, 16, 6
D° Thos Bennitt for the poor ---------- 4, 0, 0
D° Nath[l] Bearman for schooling ---------- 3, 12, 6
D° Sam[l] Sargant for collecting taxes ---------- 12, 6, 0
D° Peter Larkin for schooling ---------- 1, 8, 0
D° Thos Bennet for the poor ---------- 1, 10, 0
D° Joseph Carter for cash paid D° Dunmore -- 20, 0, 0
D° James Welder for schooling ---------- 3, 0, 0
D° Lucy Preist for the Poor ---------- 1, 16
d° Joseph Farwell for the Poor ---------- 3, 2
d° Sim° Knight for Schooling ---------- 2, 4, 3
d° Michael Newall for D° ---------- 9, 3
d° Sim° Knight for d° ---------- 4, 8, 6
d° Ruth Farmer for d° ---------- 3, 9
Thos Bennett for d° ---------- 4,
d° David Baldwin for abatement of taxes -- 2, 19, 9
Simon Willard for Schooling ---------- 3, 7, 4
Abel Phelps for Sim° Pitts's Taxes -- 2, 16,
Sam[l] Adams for a mistake in an Execut 10,
Abel Rugg for Collecting Taxes -- 16, 11, 6
Tho[s] Bennett for the Poor ---------- 8,

Carried Forward ---------- 383 5. 3

Prudential for 1784

Prudentials for 1704

Prudentials	for 1704	brot. Forward	£383.5.3
Ordered in favr. of Eph.m Carter		Sent. for Bell	3.0.0
do.	Sarah Joslin	for Cloathing the Army	1.4
do.	Reuben Lippincott	for the Poor	18
do.	Nath.l Wyman	for money Lent & Town	8.19
do.	Abel Russ	for abatem.t of Taxes	16.8
do.	Cyprus Fairbank	for Schooling	2.16
do.	Aaron Willard	for Repair.g Ch.y meeting House	2.19
do.	Reuben Lippincott	for the Poor	2.16
do.	Nath.l Beaman	for do.	3.7
do.	Tho.s Bennett	for do.	10
do.	Nath.l Beaman	for mak.g Taxes	2.3.4
do.	Aaron Johnson	for the Poor	1.1
do.	Tho.s Burdett	for do.	7.10
do.	Reuben Lippincott	for do.	5.10.6
do.	Simon Willard	for do.	1.16
do.	Lucy Preist	for do.	1
	Sundry Notes of hand		34.6.2
By an Order in favr. of	Nath.l Eaton		3
do.	Abel Russ		3.10
do.	Zebulun Butterman		1.3
do.	Nath.l Beaman	for do.	9.1.8
do.	Jon.a Whitney	for do.	9.1.6
do.	Abel Phelps	for do.	5.17.1
do.	Nath.l Willard	for do.	5.2.7
do.	Jon.a Whitney	for repairing the meeting House	17
do.	Joseph Farwell	for the Poor	2.15.2
do.	Thos. Bennett	for do.	7
do.	John Campbell	for do.	3.18
do.	Jonas Wyman	for Earth plad Sterling	12.12.5
do.	Moses Smith	for making Taxes & Takeing Valuation	5.7
do.	do.	do. for abatem.t of Taxes	3.15.10
do.	Titus Wilder	for him & 3 Sons. men	6
do.	Nath.l Beaman	for money & for his Receipt	6
do.	Moses Smith	for abatem.t of Taxes	1.6.8
do.	Ruth Farmer	for the Poor	1.19.1
do.	Abel Phelps	for abatem.t Taxes	2.5
do.	Tho.s Bennett	for the Poor	6.16
do.	do.	do.	1.4
		carried Forward	562.16.1

Brot. Forward £562.16.1

By an Order in favr. of Nathl. Beaman for ye Poor . . . 1.4

do. Israel Atherton for do. . . . do. . . . 1

do. B. Whitteman Willard do. . . do. . . . 11

do. Benja. Gould . . . do. . . . 13.4

By Sundry notes of hand 14.12.2

By receipts & Orders 580.16.7

Debt brot. Forward 327.17.4

Dr. deduct 908.13.11

Ballance now due from the Treasr. to ye Town . £20.17.2

To cash now in the several Constables hands viz

In Constable Saml.	Adams	hands	79.0.10	
do.	Jno. Fredk.	Albert do.	18.2.10	
do.	Abel	Phelps do.	20.18.11	
do.	Josh.	Smith do.	28.16.2	
do.	Nathl.	Eaton do.	11.17	
do.	Abel	Rugg do.	6.8.1	
do.	Saml.	Serjant do.	46.4	Prudentials
do.	Nathl.	Willard	83.4.11	for 1704
			294.12.9	

For ye Year 1704

In Constable John	Prescott Jun.	£230.1	
do.	Jona. Penny	177.9	407.10
Ballance brot. down			20.17.2
now due to the Town			£722.19.11

Lancaster March 7th. 1705

Nathl Beaman
Jonathan Whitney
Joseph Carter
Jonas Fairbank Jun.
} Selectmen of Lancaster

The Town Voted to accept the foregoing Acct

Pr. Saml Willard Town Clerk

Worcester ss

(seal)

To the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally Qualified to Vote in Town affairs and also to those that are Qualified to Vote for Governor Lieu.t Governor Counsellors & Senators

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to meet at the meeting House in said Town on Monday the 4.th day of April next at One o'Clock P.M. to act on the following Articles

1.st To give in your Votes for Governor Lieu.t Governor Counsellors & Senators it being your Annual meeting for that purpose

Warrant for the Annual meeting in April 1785

2.d To Choose a Moderator to Govern the meeting for Town affairs

3.d To see if the Town will allow to Mr. Peter Green £3.0.8 which he took Capt. Robbins's note for when Constable

4.th To see if the Town will abate the rates in Constable Rate Mr. Willard's Rate Bill viz Israel Butler 1.8.6 Andrew Hastell 16/4, Jon.a Hartwell 11/6, Aja Munroe £2.6.6, Jon.a Kendall 1.19.9 & Joseph Breish 1.3.9

5.th To see if the Town will abate the Rates of Levi Carter Wm. Richardson, Phillip Corey, Sewall Corey & Dr. Wm. Brinks in Constable Saml. Sergeants Tax Bill

Lancaster March 21.st 1785

By Order of the Select men

Saml. Ward Town Clerk

Proceedings & Adjourned March meeting

Lancaster April 4.th 1785 the Free Holders & other Inhabitants of Said Town being met this day agreeable to Adjournment from the 7.th of March 1785 Passed the following Votes viz.)

1.st Voted to adjourn this meeting to 3 o'Clock this afternoon

Then met agreeable to Adjournment

Upon report of the Committee appointed to regulate the School Squadrons Voted that George Hill Squadron and the Neck Squadrons Shall keep the Grammer school the present year

Voted that Lg.e more be raised in addition to what is already raised for schooling and that the said Squadrons have the benefit of the same

Voted that the Selectmen be directed to purchase the back part of Mr. Sprague's House for a North House

Chose Joel Osgood Surveyor of High ways

Chose Simon Willard Hezekiah Fairbanks Hog Reeve

Voted to Adjourn the meeting to the last Monday of April inst.t at 4 o'Clock P.M. Sd. Green Mod.r

Worcester ss To the Free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally Qualified to Vote in Town affairs and also to those that are Qualified to Vote for Governor Lieu.t Governor Counsellors & Senators — — — — — — Greeting

(Seal)

In the name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts You are required to meet at the Meeting House in said Town on Monday the 4th day of April next at 10 Clock A. M. to act on the following Articles viz —

1st To give in your votes for Governor Lieu.t Governor Counsellors & Senators it being yours Annual Meeting for that purpose

2d To choose a Moderator to Govern s.d Meeting for Town affairs

3d To see if the Town will allow to Peter Green £3.. 0.. 8 which he took Capt Robbins's note of hand for when Constable —

4th To see if the Town will abate the following Rates in Constable Willards Rate Bill viz, the Rates of Israel Butler £1.. 8.. 6. And.w Haskell 16/4 Jon.a Startwell 11/6 Asa Munroe £2.. 6.. 6. Jon.a Kendall £1.. 19.. 9. Joseph Preist £1.. 3.. 9 — 5th To see if the Town will abate the Rates of Levi Carter Wm Richardson, Phillip Corey, Sam.l Corey & Dan.l Wrink in Constable Sam.l Serjants Tax bill —

Error the same Warrant being entered on the other Side — —

Lancaster March 27th 1795. By order of the Selectmen

Sam.l Ward Town Clerk

Proceedings of the Annual Meeting in April 1705

Lancaster April 4th 1705 At a legal Meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabitants of said Town held this day the following Votes were passed viz — The Votes for Governor Lieut. Governor Counsellors & Senators being called for by the Select men and being brot. in Sorted and counted it appeared that the following Persons were Voted for viz —

Moses Gill Esqr 34	James Bowdoin Esqr. 38
Artemas Ward Esqr 23	Thos. Cushing Esqr. 3
Saml. Baker Esqr 35	Oliver Prescott Esqr. 1
Moses Putnam Esqr 27	Moses Gill Esqr. 2
John Spragge Esqr 24	John Hancock Esqr. 1
Abel Wilder Esqr 20	
Seth Washburn Esqr 7	
Israel Nichols Esqr 4	
Josiah Whitney Esqr 4	
Eben. Allen — 1	
Josiah Wilder Esqr. 1	
Nath. Longley — 1	
Joe Cushing Esqr. 1	
Asa Whitcomb Esqr. 1	
Jona. Ward Esqr. 2	
Wm Putnam Esqr 1	
Jona. Warner Esqr. 4	

Counsellors & Senators — for Governor

Thos. Cushing Esqr. 24	
Moses Gill Esqr 7	
Benja. Lincoln Esqr. 2	
Wm Cushing Esqr. 2	
Oliver Prescott Esqr. 1	
James Warren Esqr. 1	

for Lieut. Govr

Voted & Chose Deacon Benjamin Houghton Moderator

Voted to Dismiss the 3d article in the Warrant —

Voted not to abate the Rates of Israel Butler in Nath. Wilder's list

Voted to abate the Rates of Andw Haskell 16/4 in Dc —

Voted to abate the Rates of Jona. Hartwell 11/6 in — Dc —

Voted to abate the Rates of Asa Munroe 46/6 in dc —

Voted to abate the Rates of Joseph Reist 23/9 — in dc —

Voted not to Abate the Rates of Jona. Kendall — in dc —

Voted to abate the rates of Wm Richardson in Constable Sergants List

Voted to abate the Rates of Philip Corey — in — dc —

Voted to abate the Rates of Samuel Corey in — dc —

Voted not to abate the Rates of D. Wm Prentice in dc —

Voted that the Select men be directed to give an order in favor of Constable Sergant for the Amount of Levi Carters Rates, he to be Accountable for Sd Carters Rates notwithstanding if he should ever be able to recover the Same. Voted to Dissolve this meeting —

Recorded by Jame Ward Town Clerk — Benja. Houghton Moderator

Lancaster Monday April 25th 1785 the Free holders & other Inhabiteants of said Town being met this day agreeable to adjournment passed the following votes viz Voted to accept of Nathaniel Willard as Collector he producing William Willard & Capt. Nathaniel Bcaman to be his Bondsman

Proceedings of the adjourned march Meeting April 25th 1785

Voted & Chose Nathaniel Willard Constable

Chose { William Locke / Capt. Wm Phelps / James Wilder } Hog Reeves

Chose Samuel Jones Warden in Liev of John Phelps

Voted to Disolve this meeting — Peter Green Moderator
Recorded by Saml Ward Town Clerk

Worcester ss To the Free holders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally Qualified to Vote for Representive, and also in other Town affairs

(L.S.)

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Lancaster May 11th 1785 The Free holders and other Inhabitants of said Town being Legally Assembled this day Passed the following Votes Viz —

1st Voted and Chose The Hon.d John Sprague Esq.r Representative for the year ensuing —

2d Voted & Chose Capt. Nath.l Beaman Moderator

Voted to Abate the Rates of Joseph Priest and Jon.a Hartwell in Constable Eaton Tax Bill —

Voted to Abate the Rates of Joseph Priest and Jon.a Hartwell in Constable Abel Phelps's Tax Bill —

Proceedings of May Meeting 1785

Voted to Choose three men as a Committee to Settle with the committee that sold the absenties Personal Estate in the Years 1777 & 1778 —

Voted & Chose Capt. Jon.a Whiting Lieu.t Capt. Ephraim Carter Lieu.t and Deacon Benj.a Houghton a Committee for the above Purpose —

Voted to Disoloc this meeting —

Nath.l Beaman Mod.r

Entered by Sam.l Ward Town Clerk

Worcester ss (Seal)

To Nathaniel Willard Constable of the Town of Lancaster Greeting —

In the name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts you are required to warn the Free holders and other Inhabitants of said Town legally Qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at the Meeting House in said Town on Fryday the 26th day of this Instant August at 2 Clock P. M. to act on the following Articles Viz —

Warrant for a Meeting Aug.t 26th 1784

1st To choose a Moderator to Govern Said Meeting —

2d To see what the Town will do in regard to the petition of Nath.l Bashell, Fred.k Albert and others respecting the Paper money which they recivd as Collectors and act and Transact any thing relating to that matter —

3d To see what the Town will do in regard to repairing the Meeting House and to act and Transact any thing relating to that matter

4th To see if the Town will abate the rates of Thos. Holt, John Hannaby and Ephraim Cheany in Fred.k Albert's Rate Bill —

Fail not to make a return of your doings hereon to some one of the Select men at or before the time set for said meeting —

Given under our hands Aug.t 22d 1785 by order of the Select men

Sam.l Ward Town Clerk

Lancaster August 26th 1785 –

I have warned the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster according to the within warrant ——

Nath[l] Wilard Constable

Lancaster August 26th 1785 –

The Free Holders and other Inhabitants of said Town being legally assembled Passed the following Votes viz –

1st Voted & chose Capt Tim[o] Whiting Moderator

2d Voted that the Select men be directed to Enquire of the late Treasurer Col[o] Greenleaf whether there has been any settlement made between him and the Town or the late first Parish in said Town, and if not to make one as soon as possible and make report at the adjournment of this meeting —— —— ——

Proceedings of the meeting of August 26th 1785

2d Voted to abate the Rates of Thos Holt –

Voted to abate the rates of John Hannahs } in Constable Albert's Note Bill

voted that the Select men be directed to draw an order in favor of Fred[k] Albert for the amount of Ephraim Cheaneys Rates being £1 8s

Voted to choose a Committee to enquire into the State of the meeting House and see what repairs is necessary to be made and make a calculation as near as they can of the sum it will cost and make report at the next next meeting ——

Voted And chose Deacon Cyrus Fairbank, Capt Tim[o] Whiting Jun[r] and Mr Jon[a] Whitney as a Committee for the above purpose ——

Voted: To adjourn this meeting to thursday the first day of September next at 2 o'Clock P.M.

Tim[o] Whiting Mod[r]

Entered: Pr Sam[l] Ward Town Clerk

Worcester ss To the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally Qualified to vote in Towns affairs. Greeting

Seal

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to meet at the Meeting House in said Town on Monday the 26th Instant at 2 o'Clock P. M. to act on the following Articles viz —

1st To choose a Moderator to Govern said Meeting —

2d To see if the Town will new Seat the Meeting House in part and whether it shall be done by one head or by real Estate or in any other way or manner they shall think fit —

3d To see if the Town will repair the Meeting House and build two Porches one at the South door and the other at the North door —

4th To see if the Town will sell the Ground where the three hind Seats on each side of the Alley below were built and the back seat round the Galleries together with the Ground where the Long Pews are built that is not disposed of and also the Ground where the Stairs stand or any part thereof for the purpose of repairing the Meeting House —

5th To choose a Committee to superintend the repairs and to make Sale of the aforesaid Pew Ground —

6th To see if the Town will Impower the said Committee to dispose of the said Pew ground to any person or persons that will undertake to repair said House if they the Committee shall Judge it to be for the Interest of the Town

7th To see if the Town will allow to Mr Moses Smith the Loss he Sustained in taking 40 Dollars of Counterfit new Emission money for Taxes when Constable —

Lancaster September 12th 1785

By order of the Select Men —

Saml Ward Town Clerk

Lancaster Sept. 26. 1785 I have caused the Free holders and other Inhabitants of s. Town to be legally Warned by Posting as the Law directs —

Attest Saml Ward Town Clerk

Lanc after Sept.r 1.st 1705 the Free holders and other Inhabitants of.d Town being legally assembled this day Passed the following votes viz —
voted to adjourn till 4 o Clock this day — then met &
Voted that the Select men call a Town meeting as soon as may be to see if the Town will repair the meeting House — Voted to Choose a Committee to Collect the the Solves of Court concerning takeing paper money
Voted and chose Nath.l Beaman Cyrus Fairbank and Jon.a Whitney as a Committee for the above purpose —
voted to adjourn this meting till the last monday in Septem.r Inst. at 3 o Clock P.M. —
Entered by J. Ward Townclerk Jon.a Whiting Mod.r —

— Lancaster September 26. 1705 The free holders and other Inhabitants of.d Town being legally assembled agreeable to adjournment from the 1.st Inst.
voted to Dissolve this meeting — Jon.a Whiting Mod.r

Lancaster Sept.r 26. 1705 the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of.d Town legally Qualified to vote in Town affairs being duly assembled passed this following Votes viz —
1.st Voted and Chose Ebenezer Allen Mod.r
2.d Voted to Seat the meeting House in part —
3.d Voted to have the meeting House seated upon one prole and Real and Personal Estate —
4 Voted to pass over the 3.d article in the warrant
5.th Voted to pass over the 4.th article in the warrant
6.th Voted to choose a Committee to seat the meeting House
7. Voted that the Committee Consist of five
8. Voted that the Select men be the Committee for Seating the meeting House —
9.th Voted to allow to Mr. Moses Smith the Value of 40 Dollars of New Emission money which he took for Taxes and which was Counterfeit —
voted to adjourn this meting to this day fortnight at 1.st Clock P.M. — Ebenezer Allen Mod.r
Entered. p Jam.s Ward Townclerk —

Lancaster October 10th 1785 The Free holders and other Inhabitants of said Town being legally assembled this day according to Adjournment from the 26th of Septem. last Passed the following votes viz —

1st Voted to adjourn till 4 o'Clock P. M. — then met and voted to adjourn this meeting to Wednesday the 12th Inst. at 3 o'Clock P. M. — — Ebenezer Allen Mod.r

Entered p Sam.l Ward Town Clerk —

Lancaster October 12th 1785

The Free holders and other Inhabitants of said Town being legally Assembled this day according to Adjournment from the 10th Instant Passed the following Votes viz —

1st Voted to Accept the report of the Committee relative to seating the Meeting House —

2d. Voted to pass over the 3d Article in the warrant for the present —

3d. Voted to sell the Ground where the three hind seats on each side of the Alley below were built, and the back Seat round the Galleries together with the Ground where the Long Pews are built —

4th Voted to Choose a Committee to sell the above mentioned Ground —

5th Voted that the Committee consist of five — Mr Peter Green Capt Ephraim Carter Mr Jon.a Whitney Deacon Benj.a Houghton & Capt Tim.o Whiting were chosen for the above purpose — — — —

6th Voted that the said Committee dispose of said ground at Public Auction notice of the same being publickly given — — — —

7th Voted to Adjourn this meeting to the 2d Monday in November next at one o'Clock P. M at this place

Attest Tim.o Whiting 1st Clerk P. T. — Ebenez.r Allen Mod.r

Entered p Sam.l Ward Town Clerk

Lancaster November 14th 1785

The Free holders and other Inhabitants of said Town being Legally assembled this day according to Adjournment from the 12th Inst. Passed the following Votes viz — — — — — — —

Voted to Adjourn till 3 o'Clock P. M. and then met and proceeded to pass the following Votes —

1st. Voted that the money arising from the sale of the New Ground shall be applied for the Purpose of repairing the meeting House as the Town shall hereafter direct —

2d. Voted. That the meeting House shall be repaired in the manner following so far as the Newground money goes viz Clayboard Glass with new Frames and Sashes and to build two New Porches one on the South end and one on the North end —

3d. Voted to Chuse a Committee to make those repairs by laying out said money to the best advantage —

4th. Voted that said Committee Consist of three —

5th. Voted and Chose Mr. Peter Green Capt. Ephraim Carter and Deacon Cyrus Fairbanks as a Committee

6th. Voted to Disolve this meeting —

Ebenez. Allen Mod.

Attest Jno. Whiting Junr. Clerk P. T.

Entered P. Samuel Ward Town Clerk

Worcester ss (Seal)

To the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally Qualified to Vote in Town affairs — Greeting

In the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to meet at the meeting House in Lancaster on Monday the 5th day of Decr next at 12 o'Clock at Noon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To choose a Moderator to Govern said Meeting —
2d To see if the Town will give leave to build a Porch over the east door of the Meeting House if it can be done without Taxing the Town therefor ——

Given under our hands and Seals this 18th day of November A D 1785 —

Walter Beaman
Josias Fairbanks
Joseph Carter
} Select men of Lancaster

Lancaster December 5th 1785 —

Pursuant to a warrant Posted according to Law bearing date Novr 5th 1785 the Free holders & other Inhabitants of said Town being this day legally assembled Passed the following Votes viz/

1st Voted Ebenezr Allen Moderator —
2d Voted to adjourn this meeting till One o'Clock P M.

then Met agreeable to Adjournment —

3d Voted that the Town give leave to have a Porch built over the East door of the Meeting House agreeable to the Second Article of the Warrant provided it can be built & finished without putting the Town to any Cost therefor ——

4th Voted to Dissolve this meeting —

Attest Timr Whiting Junr Clerk P T. Ebenezr Allen Modr

the above Entered P T Saml Ward Town Clerk

Worcester ss. To the Free Holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally Qualified to Vote in Town affairs - Greeting

(Seal)

In the name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts you are hereby warned and required to meet at the meeting House in said Town on monday the 6th day of March next at 10 Clock A.M. to act on the following Artiles viz.

1st To choose a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2d To choose Town Officers it being your Annual meeting for that Purpose

3d To grant money to defray Town charges schooling &c and to direct the Method of Disposeing of it

4th To see what money the Town will grant for repairing High ways &c and Ascertain the price of Labour for man, oxen & Cattle

5th To empower the Surveyors of Highways to collect the High way rates (in money) of all those who neglect to work out their Rates after being duly warned thereto they to be Accountable to the Treasurer in the same manner as the Collectors of other Taxes are

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6th To choose Collectors for the Ministers Sallery

7th To give in your Votes for Register of Deeds for said County

8th To give in your Votes for a Treasurer for said County

9th To see if the Town will hire a collector of Taxes in the same manner as they did last year

10th To see if the Town will give directions for Purchasing a decent burying Cloth

11th To choose a Collector or Collectors for the Tax which was granted for building the Bridges & Causeways in said Town

12th To see what Measures the Town will take with diverse Idle dissolute and disorderly persons and poor families who have Intruded themselves or have been Intruded on the Town and have not gained an Inhabitancy therein

13th To Consider of the best measures for providing for the Support and Education of the children of poor and Improvident parents belonging to the Town and for preventing the baneful example of Indolence and Intemperance that have too much prevailed and for Transacting any other matter respecting ~~respecting~~ the poor of said Town

14th To see if the Town will Join with the Town of Harvard and Bolton in Building a work House and act or Transact any thing Relateing thereto

15th To see if the Town will abate the Rates of Wm Richardson Philip Lovey David Baldwin & Levi Carter in Constable Rugs Tax Bill and also David Baldwins Rates in Constables Serjant Rate Bill

16th To see if the Town will Allow Mr Joshua Fletcher his Acct

Turn over

March Meet.g Warrant for 1706 Continued

17th To See if the Town will allow to Walt.r Haskell the loss he sustained by taking paper money in the year 1701 as Collector ——

18th To See if the Town will allow to Mr. Peter Green three pounds & Eight pence which he took Capt. Robbins note for when Constable ——

19th To Consider the Petition of Josiah Wilder Esq.r and others Respecting the Publick Roads and to Transact any thing relating to that matter which the Town may think proper —— —— ——

Lancaster Febr.y 17th 1706 —

By Order of the Selectmen Sam.ll Ward Town Clerk

Lancaster March 6th 1706 I have caused the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town to be warned to meet at time and place agreeable to the above warrant by posting the above Warrant according to Law — Sam.ll Ward Town Clerk

Lancaster March 6th 1706 The freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town being legally assembled this day passed the following Votes. viz.

1st Voted & Chose Mr. Ebenez.r Allen Moder.

2d Voted to choose a Committee of three to Examine the the Selectmens Accounts of the Prudentials of the Town and report at the next Meeting ——

Chose Moses Sawyer, Samuel Ward, & Wm Willard Committee

Chose Samuel Ward Town Clerk ——

Chose Capt. Nath.l Beman
Jon.a Whitney
Jon.a Wilder
Joseph Easter
Jonas Fairbank Jun.r
} Selectmen ——

Chose Mr. Peter Green Town Treasurer

Voted to Adjourn till 3 Clock P. M. — then met and Voted as follows viz Chose Mr. Michael Newall Selectman in the room of Jon.a Wilder who declined Serving —

Chose Capt. Ephraim Carter Jun.
Capt. Jno. Whiting Jun. & Moses Smith — } Assessors —

Chose Capt. Ephraim Carter Jun. & Capt. Nath. Sawyer Jun. } Wardens —

Voted that the Select men be directed to Verdue the Collection of the Taxes at the Lowest rate taheing Sufficient Bond to Indemnify the Town

Chose Samuel Johnson
Sam. Wilder Jun. } Collectors for the ministers Gallery

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Chose Capt. James Carter, Joshua Phelps
Jon. Smith, John Sprague Esqr. } Surveyors of high ways
Aaron Rugg, Edward Johnson
John Whiting, Thos Tooker
Dan. Willard Jr. John Ballard

Voted that the Surveyors of Highways be empowered to Collect the high way Rates of all those that neglect to work out their Rates after being duly warned thereto they the Surveyors to be Accountable to the Town Treasurer in the same manner as the Collectors of other Town Taxes are —

Chose Wm. Locke & Senior Willard Field drivers —
Thomas Gates Jun. Knight Jun. Fence Viewers
Nathaniel Berman, Samuel Wilder Jun. Cullers of Staves
Jon. Whitney Surveyer of Clayboards & Shingles —
Capt. Dan. Goss do do — do —
Moses Sawyer, Deer Reeve
Gard. Phelps, Fith Reeve
Wm. Wilder Jun. & Jno. Knight Jun. Fithingmen
Capt. Thomas Gates, Sealer of Weights & Measures
Joseph Carter, Sealer of Leather —

Voted to Raise Four Hundred pounds to defray Town Charges and that One hundred pounds of the same be Schooled out in the same manner as Last year

Voted to raise £120 to be work'd out on the High ways in the same manner as Last year

Proceedings of march Meeting for 1706 Continued

the Votes for Register of deeds being called for and brought in it appeared there was 36 votes for Col. Daniel Clapp

Votes for a County Treasurer being called for and brot in and sorted there was 23 Votes for Jno. Stevens Esqr

2 do. for Nathan Perry

chose Ephm. Carter Grand Juryman for the year

Voted to Adjourn this meeting to the 1st Monday in April Next at 1 o Clock P. M. Ebenezr. Allen Mod.

Entered by Saml. Ward Town Clerk

Proceedings of march meeting held by adjourn. to April 3. 1706

At a Quarter April 3. 1706 the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town being legally Assembled by Adjournment from the 6th of march 1706 to this day, Passed the following Votes Viz

Voted that the Select men be directed to Purchase a decent Burying Cloath

Voted to Pass over the 11th article in the Warrant

Voted that the Select men be directed to remove out of Town all Idle, disolute and disorderly persons who have not gained an inhabitancy therein agreeable to Law

The Question being put to see whether the Town will choose a Committee to Confer with the Committees of Harvard & Bolton upon the Subject of Building a work House in Conjunction and it Passed in the Affirmative

Voted that the Select men be a Committee for the above purpose

Voted that the Select men be directed to attend Immediately to the Circumstances of the Poor families in the Town who are likely to be come Chargeable and to bind or put out to good Masters or into good Familys all Children which by Law they are impowered to put out to the end that the rising generation in this Town may not be brought up in Idleness, ignorance, & vice

Voted & Chose Nathaniel Willard, Constable

Voted that the Select men give Constable Abel Sheppard an order on the Treasurer for the Taxes of William Richardson & Phillip Corey, to be hereafter accounted for by him in whole or in part as the Town may order

Voted not to Abate the Rates of David Baldwin ——

Voted That Mr. Peter Green be allowed three pound eight pence which he lost by Capt. Danl. Robbins a deficient Constable when Mr. Peter was Treasurer ——

Continuation of the adjourn'd march meeting for 1786 —

On the Petition of Josiah Wilder 2d & others respecting the Roads in Lancaster — Voted that a Committee of three be chosen for viewing the Roads as set forth in the Petition and report at the next meeting chose Deacon Cyrus Fairbank Moses Smith and Samuel Ward ——

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the Second Monday in may next at 4 Clock P. M. — Ebenr. Allen moderr.

Entered by, Samll. Ward Town Clerk

Worcester ss To the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally Qualified to Vote for Governor Lt. Govr. Counsellors Senators —— —— Greeting

(Seal)

In the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts you are hereby warned and required to meet at the meeting House in said Town on Monday the 3d. day of april next at 12 Clock for the Purpose of Electing Governor Lt. Governour Senators and Counsellors agreeable to the Constitution. By order of the Select men —

Warrant for choosing Governor &c 1st monday apl. 1786 —

Samll. Ward Town Clerk

Lancaster April 3d 1786 I have warned the Free holders and other Inhabitants of said Town to meet at Time & place agreeable to the above warrant by posting the same agreeable to Law — Attest Samll. Ward Town Clerk

Lancaster April 3d 1786 The Free holders and other Inhabitants of said Town being this day legally Assembled and the Votes for Govr Lt Govr Senators and Counsellors being called for brought in and sorted it appeared the following Gentlemen were voted for viz—

For Governor
His Excell. James Bowdoin Esq — 44 Votes
Hon. Benj. Lincoln Esq — 1 D.
Hon. Saml Phillips Esq — 1

For Lt Govr
Hon. Thos Cushing Esq — 20
Hon. Saml. Phillips Esq — 11
Hon. Wm Cushing Esq — 1

For Senators & Counsellors
Hon. Moses Gill Esq — 43
Hon. Saml. Baker Esq — 43
Abel Wilder Esq — 41
Hon. John Sprague Esq — 20
Hon. Artemas Ward Esq — 20
Hon. Seth Washburn Esq — 22
Rufus Putnam Esq — 21

Selectmen
Nathl Beman
Jona. Whitney
Joseph Carter
Jonas Fairbank
Mich. Newall

Entered P. Saml Ward Town Clerk

Lancaster November 1st 1784

We the Subscribers Select men of the Towns of Lancaster & Sterling have this day Reckoned and Settled and received in full for all amounts against said Towns, and have agreed that all the Amounts which shall be brought against said Towns shall be paid by the Towns they Originated from, and have divided all Town Stock and Poor of said Town agreeable to the act of the General Court for the division of said Towns called the Incorporating Act. In Witness whereof we have Set our hands

Settlement between Lancaster & Sterling

Nathl Beaman
Jon.a Wilder
Jonas Fairbank.s
} Select men of Lancaster

Attest
Cyprus Fairbank

Israel Moore
Benj.a Richardson
Josiah Kendall 2d.
} Select men of Sterling

Copy Entered Pr. Sam.l Ward Town Clerk

Worcester ss. To the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally Qualified to Vote for Representative and also in Town affairs — Greeting.

(Seal)

You are required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to meet at the meeting House in said Town on Monday the 8th day of May next at 3 o Clock P. M. for the following Purposes

Warrant for May meeting 1786

1st To Elect a Representative to Serve in the General Court the year ensueing

2d To choose a Moderator to Govern said meeting

3d To See if the Town will allow to Frederick Albert the Taxes of Wm Richardson Junr and pay the Cost of a Suit against said Albert for Paper money which he was Sued for

4th To See if the Town will allow to Abel Phelps the Rates of Wm Houghton

5th To bring in your Votes for a Treasurer for the County of Worcester. Lancaster April 22d 1786

By Order of the Select men, Sam.l Ward Town Clerk

Proceedings of Town Meeting. 1786

Lancaster May 8th 1786 the Free holders and other Inhabitants of Said Town having been duly warned and legally Assembled this day Passed the following Votes Viz:

1st Voted and chose Capt. Ephraim Carter Junr. Representative for the year ensuing —

2d. chose Capt. Nathaniel Beaman Modr —

3d. Voted that the Select men give Constable Abel Phelps and order on the Treasurer for the Amount of Wm Houghtons Rates to be hereafter accounted for by him the Sd. Phelps in whole or in part as the Town may order —

the Votes for a County Treasurer being called for and brot in it appeared there was 41 votes for Jno. Paine Esqr. & 4 for Capt. Saml Tilley Jr

Voted to Dissolve this meeting —

Entered. Nath. Beaman Modr.

Pr Saml Ward Town Clerk

March Meeting by Adjournment to the 3d April 1786

Lancaster May 8. 1786 The Free holders and other Inhabitants of Said Town being legally Assembled this day by Adjournment from the 3d of April Instt. Passed the following Votes viz — — — —

voted to Adjourn for half an hour, then met — and voted not to allow the Accot of Wm Joshua Fletcher

voted to accept of the Report of the Committee respecting Nath. Haskells Paper money, which was not to allow him any thing for it —

Chose Jon. Wilder & Deacn Josiah Ballard in addition to the Committee on Road —

voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the last Monday in June next at 4 o'Clock in the afternoon at the Meeting House —

Ebenr. Allen Modr.

Entered Pr Saml Ward Town Clerk

Lancaster March 2d 1782 —

Here followeth an account of the Prudentials of the Town of Lancaster for the year 1781 —

To cash recd of Constable Moses Smith		£ 462.18.7
To D°. of — Constable Abel Phelps		187.10.8
yet remaining in the above Constables hands		650.9.3
for the year past		499.12.9
Total assessed last year		£ 1150.2.—

Supra . . . . . Cr

By Sundry orders drawn on the Treasurer by the Selectmen Overseers of the Poor & Committee viz —

In favour of Ebenez^r. Allen for hiring 3 mo. mun		£ 12.—
D°. in favor of Amos Allen for D°		6.13.6
D°. in favr. of Jacob Allen for D°		1.9.8
D°. in favr. of Josiah Bullard for D°		2.1.6
D°. D°. — Cyrus Fairbank for D°		14.—
D°. D°. — Joshua Fletcher		3.4.2
D°. D°. — Joshua Fletcher for D°.		8.0.0
D°. D°. — Joshua Fairbank for D°.		4.1.8
D°. D°. — Mich^l. Newhall for D°.		0.18.0
D°. D°. — Daniel Waldo for D°.		1.16.0
D°. D°. — Silas How for D°.		1.16.0
D°. D°. — Daniel Goss for D°.		0.16.0
D°. D°. — Francis Davis for D°.		0.12.0
D°. D°. — Thomas Gates for D°.		0.6.0
D°. D°. — Jon^a Wheelock Junior for D°.		5.13.0
D°. D°. — Jeremiah Wachel for D°.		1.8.10
D°. D°. — John Prescot Junr. for D°.		10.0.0
D°. D°. — John Prescot for D°.		4.17.0
D°. D°. — Jonas Wyman for D°.		0.6.0
D°. D°. — Isaac Rug for D°.		2.14.0
D°. D°. — Nathan Rug for D°.		2.4.0
D°. D°. — Nathan Rice for D°.		0.18.0
D°. D°. — Abel Phelps for D°.		1.10.0
D°. D°. — Peter Thurston for D°.		2.8.0
D°. D°. — Abijah Phelps for D°.		1.0.0
D°. D°. — Abel Phelps for D°.		0.18.0
D°. D°. — Levi White for D°.		0.12.0
D°. D°. — Jonas Wyman for D°.		0.12.0
D°. D°. — Amos Knight for D°.		0.12.0

Prudentials for 1781

carried Forward —

Brot forward

Dº Dº Levi White for Dº 3 - 0 - 0
Dº Dº Levi White for Dº 2 - 11 - 0
Dº Dº Jonas Wyman Dº 1 - 12 - 7
Dº Dº Jonathan Wilder for Dº 0 - 17 - 0
Dº Dº Abel Sawer for Dº 5 - 4 - 10
Dº Dº Stephen Wilder for Dº 0 - 4 - 0
Dº Dº Stepen Wilder for Dº 0 - 6 - 6
Dº Dº Levi White 3 orders for Dº 8 - 5 - 0
Dº Dº Jonathan Whelock 3 orders for Dº 9 - 0 - 0
Dº Dº Eber Sawyer for Dº 3 - 0 - 0
Dº Dº Eber Sawyer for Dº 2 Orders 7 - 10 - 0
Dº Dº Danl Stearns for Dº 0 - 12 - 0
Dº Dº Darius Sawyer for Dº 5 - 8 - 0
Dº Dº Saml Thurston 2 orders for Dº 8 - 16 - 0
Dº Dº Saml Joslin for a horse 6 - 13 - 0
Dº Dº Elizabeth Phelps for keeping Saml Willman 3 - 2 - 0
Dº Dº Josiah Wilder for a horse 8 - 0 - 0
Dº Dº Levi Wilder for Beef 16 - 0 - 0
Dº Dº Manash Wilder for Cloathing for the Army 16 - 0
Dº Dº Gardner Wilder for supporting the Poor £ 20 - 12 - 0
Dº Dº Samt Wilder for a horse 19 - 8 - 0
Dº Dº John Whelock for Cloathing the Army 0 - 16 - 0
Dº Dº John Whelock for supporting the poor 0 - 7 - 0
Dº Dº Levi Willard for Cloathing the Army 1 - 4 - 0
Dº Dº Josiah Wilder for Doctering the poor 1 - 4 - 5
Dº Dº Oliver Wilder for Cloathing the Army 3 - 4 - 0
Dº Dº William Greenleaf for cash lent the Town 6 - 0 - 0
Dº Dº Moses Smith for Cloathing the Army 0 - 16 - 0
Dº Dº Nathl Sawyer for part of a horse 5 - 5 - 9
Dº Dº Timothy Whiting Jr for schooling 1 - 4 - 0
Dº Dº John Sergant for Beef 13 - 17 - 6
Dº Dº Moses Sawyer for Cloathing the Army 10 - 0 - 0
Dº Dº Moses Sawyer for Beef 10 - 14 - 10
Dº Dº Timº Whiting Jr for schooling 6 - 1 - 5
Dº Dº Moses Sawyer for Beef 6 - 18 - 7
Dº Dº Timº Whiting for Cloathing 0 - 16 - 0
Dº Dº Gardner Phelps for Beef 5 - 6 - 8
Dº Dº Willm Jewet for an old Note lent the Town 2 - 5 - 0
Dº Dº Cyrus Fairbank for being Treasurer 8 - 1 - 8
Dº Dº Nath. Beaman for making the Rates 2 - 6 - 3
Dº Dº James Carter for Beef 3 - 0 - 0

Carried forward

Contingents for 1781

Brot Forward

d°	d° Joseph Carter for Cloathing the Army	6 . 16 . 0
d°	d° Dan! Rug for Beef	3 . 0 . 0
d°	d° Thos Gates for Cloathing for the Army	0 . 16 . 0
d°	d° Dan! Goss for hireing in the year 1778	2 . 13 .
d°.	d°. d°. for cloathing the Army	1 . 19 . 6
d°.	Jonas Fairbank for Bridge Plank	2 . 4 .
d°	Silas Stow for Cloathing the Army	6 . 8 .
d°	Thomas Gates for the Committes Expences	2 . 3 .
d°	Wm Locke for abatement of Taxes in 1779	. 15 . 6
d°	Wm Locke for Beef	15 . 12 .
d°	Silas Hastings for hiring men in 1778	8 . 3 . 4
d°	Thomas Gates for Bridge Plank	1 . 8 .
d°.	Eleaz. Phelps for keeping Nathaniel Wyman	. 8 .
d°	Epthm Carter Junr for Beef	20 .
d°.	Epthm Carter Junr 2 orders for Beef	26 .
d°	Moses Smith for Collecting Taxes	16
d°	Moses Smith 2 orders for Beef	28 . 2 .
d°.	Moses Smith for Collecting Taxes	10 . 7 .
d°	Joseph Carter for Cloathing the Army	4 . 14 .
d°	Dan! Rugg for Supporting the Poor	8 .
d°	Joseph Carter for Cloathing the Army	2 . 4 . 4 .
d°	Epthm Carter Junr for Beef	17 .
d°.	Dan! Goss for Cloathing the Army	1 . 4 .
d°.	Sam! Thurston for D°	2 .
d°	Asa Warner for Supporting the poor	. 13 . 1
d°	Abel Phelps for collecting Taxes & warning Town meeting	20 . 14 .
d°	Abel Phelps for Stephen Fullers Taxes	1 . 12 .
d°	Abijah Wyman for Supporting the poor	1 .
d°	Jon.° Knight Junr for Schooling	8 .
d°.	Joel Phelps for Supporting the Poor	1 . 4 . 6
d°	Nath! Beman for an old order	2 . 12 .
d°	Joel Phelps for Supporting the poor	2 . 4 .
d°.	Jonas Wyman for Supporting the Selectmen	1 . 6 . 2
d°	Nath! Willard for Supporting the Poor	. 16 .
d°.	Jonas Wyman for Tak.g Care of the Meet.g House &c	2 . 8 .
d°	Wm Kendall for Supporting the poor	8 . 13 .
d°.	Epthm Carter Junr for Beef	4 .
	Carried Forward	

Brt. Forward - - - - - - - - - - £

To an order in favr. of John Sprague for Supporting the Poor - 1 : 2 : 0
d°. - d°. - - Saml. Jewett for Cash Advanced 18 : 24 -
d°. - - Jon.a Kendall for Cash allowed by the Town 5 : 9 : 9
d°. - Joseph Atherton for a mistake in his Taxes - 18 -
d°. - Jon.a Whitney for Keys the Town owed him 13 : 16 -
d°. - Wm. Kendall for Supporting the Poor - - 13 : 18 : 6
d°. - Wm. Greenleaf for allowance by the Town - 5 : 9 : 9
d°. - Sarah Phelps for Supporting the Poor - - 2 : 15 : 6
d°. - Mich.l Newhall for Cloathing the army - 2 : 8 -
d°. - d°. - - d°. - for Supporting the Poor - - 7 : 1
d°. Ruth Farmer 2 orders for keeping her Son 10 : 19 : 4
d°. Peter Green for Cloathing the Poor - - 5 : 15 : 6
d°. Ebenez.r Pratt for Supporting the Poor - - 20 : 17 : 2

The above amounts to - £ 630 : 10 : 2
by Sundry Orders Recv.d of Wm. Harrington 19 : 19 : 1
Sum Total recv.d of the Treas.r £ 650 : 9 : 3

Prudentials for 1781 -

Cash in the Constables hands for the year 1780 409 : 2 : -
D°. in the Constables hands for y.e year 1781 - 499 : 12 : 9
due from the several Constables £ 908 : 14 : 9

Nath.l Beaman
Moses Sawyer
Joseph Carter
} Selectmen of Lancaster

at a Town Meeting held June 26th 1786 Voted that the foregoing Account be recorded -
Attest Sam.l Ward, Townclerk

Here followeth an Acct. of the Prudentials of the Town of Lancaster for the year 1705 with Peter Green Treasr.—

Peter Green Town Treasurer to the Town of Lancaster Dr.

To Cash received of Constable Nath[l] Willard	£469	
To Do. in the several Constables hands with wt. is in my own hands	895	5.6
	£1364	5.6

P. Supra — — — — — Cr.

By Sundry orders drawn on P. Treasr. viz —

An order in favr. of Josiah Wilder Esqr. for Dort. of P. Wyman & Child	£3	4	0
do. do. Lucy Priest for keeping her Husband	—	4	6
do. do. Thos. Bennett for keep.g Jon[a] Rugg & wife	7	—	—
do. do. Jasher Wyman for keep.g the Poor	—	2	2
do. do. John Sprague Esqr. for costs when the managers of the Lottery sued the Town	—	2	12
do. do. John Sprague for making Taxes in 1701	—	2	10
do. do. Dan[l] Rugg Jun[r] for Bridge Work	—	15	—
do. do. Dan[l] Phelps for keep.g P. Wyman	—	12	—
do. do. Tim[o] Whiting for schooling for 1704	3	3	—
do. do. Stephen Wilder for do.	—	1	10
do. do. John Munroe for do.	—	3	6
do. do. Ruth Farmer for keep.g her Son 3 mo.	—	1	19
do. do. Reuben Lippenwell, keep.g M. Grosman 3.	—	—	—
do. do. Benj[a] Houghton for hiring men	—	16	8
do. do. Jonas Fairbank Jun[r] for Bridge Work	—	1	4
do. do. John Campbell, keep.g Ruth Johnson Child	—	2	5
do. do. Tho[s] Bennett, Nursing Jon[a] Rugg & wife	—	2	15. 8
do. do. Jon[a] Wilder for hiring money for the Use of the Town	—	—	15
do. do. Reuben Lippenwell, keep.g Grosman Child	—	5	6. 8
do. do. John Robbins for schooling	—	—	18. 4
do. do. Lucy Priest for keep.g her Husband	—	—	12
do. do. Thomas Bennett for keep.g Jon[a] Rugg & wife	—	—	12. 4
do. do. Lucy Priest for keep.g her Husband	—	—	12. 4
do. do. Dan[l] Goss for schooling	—	—	7. 5. 4
do. do. James Carter Jun[r] for Dort.g the Poor	—	2	7. 4
do. do. Moses Sawyer for schooling for 1703	—	3	—
do. do. Tim[o] Whiting Jun[r] for taking the Valuation & making Taxes	—	5	1. 9
do. do. Dan[l] Goss for schooling in the year 1704	—	3	—
carried Forward	£68	15	11

Prudentials for 1705

Amo.t of Ords Brot. Forward — £68.15.11

Pruden tials for 1705

Pr an order in favr of Moses Sawyer for Schooling — 2.18

Do. Do - Jonas Fairbank Junr for hiring money for the Town and Supporting the Poor — 4

do. do. Dan.ll Goss for Schooling in 1704 — 12.12

do. do. Winslow Phelps for keeping P. Wymans Child — 2

do. do. Cyrus Fairbanks for money hep.d for an Exec.n agt. the Town in favr of Sterling — 10

do. do. Wm Locke for keeping the Select men and Officers when doing Town Business — 1.18.4

do. do. Lidey Preist for keeping her Husbend — 1.12

do. do. Jonah Wilder for hiring money for the Town and making writings — 1.16

do. do. Jon.a Wilder for Support.g the Poor — 1.2

do. do. Wm Tooker for Schooling in 1704 — 1.13

do. do. Paul Sawyer for Bridge Timber — 2

do. do. Ephrm Carter Junr for Taking valuation & making Taxes — 5

do. do. Thomas Bennett, keeping Jon.a Rugg & Child — 10

do. do. Cyrus Fairbank for an Exec.n agt. the Town in favr of Sterling — 29.15.8

do. do. Manasseh Wilder for keeping the Poor — 1.2

do. do. Nathl Wyman for Bridge Timber — 1

do. do. Johns Prescott for Collecting Taxes &c — 8.16

do. do. Jonas Fairbanks for Bridge Planks — 7.4.3

do. do. Fran.o Whiting Junr for Schooling in 1704 — 1.19.9

do. do. Sam.l Ward for Glass — 18.11

do. do. Jon.a Wilder for hiring money for the Use of the Town & Taking care of the Poor — 2.11.10

do. do. Thos Gates for abatement of Taxes — 4.8

do. do. Jere.h Ballard for keeping P. Wymans Child — 1.3.2

do. do. Israel Atherton for Boot.g the Poor — 2.9.4

do. do. Lucy Preist for keeping her Husband — 12

do. do. Josiah Coolidge for allowance of Road — 18

do. do. Jonas Fairbanks Junr for Bridge Planks — 2

do. do. Johna Prescott Junr for abatt.t of P. Prentices Taxes — 16

do. do. Jonas Fairbank Junr for Bridge Planks — 1.15

do. do. Lucy Preist for keeping her Husband — 12

do. do. Lucy Preist for D.o D.o — 1.4.5

do. do. Fran.o Whiting for keeping the Officers when making Taxes & Taking Valuation — 2.13.11

do. do. Lucy Preist for keeping her Husband — 10

do. do. Lucy Preist for D.o D.o — 18

Carried Forward — £185.2.4

Amt. of Orders brot. forward — £185. 2.4

An Order in favr. Thos. Bennett for keeping Jona. Rugg & wife — 1.10

do. do. Nath.l Willard for Bridge Work — 4.11.6

do. do. Jona. Whitney for Taking care of the Poor — 2

do. do. Ruth Farmer for Cloathing her Son Jas. — 1.9

do. do. Jonah Ballard for keeping a poor Negro — 1.2.10

do. do. Lucy Preist for keeping her Husband — 1.13.4

do. do. Nath.l Willard for abatemt. of Sam.l Ballards Taxes — 1.11.4

do. do. Lucy Preist for keeping her Husband — 2.3.6

do. do. Joseph Carter for Support.g the Poor — 1.2

do. do. Nath.l Willard for School.g for 1784 — 6.18.9

do. do. Thos. Bennett for keeping Jona. Rugg & wife — 2

do. do. Lucy Preist for keeping her Husband — 2.1

do. do. Lucy Preist for keeping P. Wyman — 1

do. do. Thos. Bennett for keeping Jona. Rugg & wife — 3.15.4

do. do. Nath.l Willard for Jacob Phelps's Taxes for which he has got a note — 2.1.6 — Prudential's for 1785

do. do. Sam.l Allen for 3 Load wood for Mrs. Poor — 18

do. do. Thos. Bennett for Nursing Jona. Rugg & wife — 2.9

do. do. Winslow Phelps for keeping P. Wymans child — 1.10

do. do. Samuel Townsend for 2 stray Specie — 12

do. do. Nath.l Haskell for the Abatemt. of the Bapt. Strict Tax — 1.18.6

do. do. Isaiah Barker for Doctr. P. Wyman — 7

do. do. Israel Atherton for Schooling in 1783 — 8.14.8

do. do. Lucy Preist for keeping her Husband — 18

do. do. Edw.d Fuller for Support.g the Poor — 17

do. do. Dan.l Albert for keeping a poor Child — 2.8

do. do. Aaron Phelps for Taking down the arch & Stove Chimney — 14

do. do. Thos. Bennett for keeping Jona. Rugg & wife — 5.7.6

do. do. Ruth Farmer for keeping her Son — 1.19

do. do. John Robbins for Schooling — 18

do. do. Nath.l Willard for Abatemt. of Taxes — 4.18

do. do. Joseph Carter for Support.g the Poor — 3.14

do. do. Ruth Farmer for keeping her Son — 2.5

do. do. Gard.r Phelps for School — 2.15

do. do. Wm. Locke for keeping the Selectmen — 2.16.6

do. do. John Robbins for schooling — 1.1

do. do. Jona. Whitney for Support.g the Poor — 14.7

do. do. Jonas Wyman for keeping the Selectmen — 1.16.6

do. do. Josiah Wilder for Doctr.g the Poor — 3.9.6

Carried Forward — £272.14.11

Amo^t of Orders brot Forward . — . . £272-14-11

Winslow Phelps for keepg D. Wymans child . — . . 1-10-

an order in favr Lucy Preist for keepg her Husband . . 1-18-

d^o — d^o John Robbins for Schooling 1-18-

d^o — d^o Jeremh Ballard - a poor child . . 1-5-4

d^o. d^o. Thos Bennett for keepg Jon^a Rugg . — 2-7-6

d^o. d^o — Saml Serjeant for Schooling . . ——— 8-5-

d^o — d^o Reuben Lippincott for keepg Crosman Child — 4-7-6

d^o. d^o — Nathl Eaton for abatement of Jon^a Preists Taxes 1-19-8

d^o. d^o Thos Bennett for keepg Jon^a Rugg wife 6-8-

d^o — d^o Peter Green for money p^d Wm Harrington in part of an order — — £ 19-16-

d^o — d^o Jacob Albert, abatement of Saml Sawyers Taxes 2-8-

d^o — d^o D^o — D^o for abatement of John Hannahs Taxes 9-12-10

d^o — d^o — Moses Smith for Ezra Houghtons note — 8-16-6

d^o — d^o — Lucy Preist for keepg her Husband — 1-1-

d^o — d^o — Wm Tooker for Schooling — — ——— 1-16-

Prudentials for 1705

d^o. d^o — Moses Smith for allowance of Taxes collected not — 3 — 1

d^o. d^o — Moses Smith for Counterfeit money — 6-8-

d^o — d^o — John Hendricks for a Gunn d^o the Select mens^t 3-

d^o. d^o. Abel Phelps for abatem^t of Jon^a Hartwells Taxes Aaron Willards & Joseph Preists Taxes for 1701 — £ 1-8-4-6

d^o. d^o. Abel Phelps for abatem^t of John Winters Taxes — 4-18-1

d^o. d^o. Jonas Wyman for Takeing Care of the meeting House & keeping the Selectmen . — £ 2-19-7

d^o. d^o. Cyrus Fairbank for money Repaid on an Exec^n against the Town of Lancaster . —— £ 109-3-9

d^o. d^o. Jonas Fairbank for Boarding John Preist — 1-4-4

d^o. d^o. Moses Smith for making Taxes . — 2-2-1

d^o. d^o. Cyrus Fairbanks for Schooling . . — — — 5-7-

£ 490-15-8

To wrong cast in the Acc^t exhibited by the Selectmen . 4-

£ 490-19-8

1786 Acco.t Current with Peter Green Town Treasurer for Lancaster
for the year 1785 – viz

March 6th The Sd. Treasr. chargeth himself with cash recvd
of the Constables brot. forward £469 –
To a Ballance of what is now due from
the several Constables with what is in
my own hands 895. 5. 6

£1364. 5. 6

Cr. By the Amo.t of Sundry Orders brot. for-
ward on the other side 490. 19. 8

Ballance now due from Sd. Treasr. to said Town £873. 5. 10
including Joseph Howells note of £55. 6. 3

Prudential for 1785

Lancaster March 6. 1786 – Errors Excepted –

Mich.l Townshall
Jayth Carter
Jon.a Whitney
Jonas Fairbank
} Select men

Peter Green, Treasurer

The above Entered. Pr Sam.l Ward, Town Clerk

Lancaster June 26th 1786 The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town being this day legally Assembled by Adjournment from May 8th ult.o Voted as follows viz.t

Proceedings of a meeting June 26 1786 by Adjournment from May 8. 1786

1st. Voted to Accept the Report of the Committee on roads

2d. Voted to Accept of the Select Mens Acco.t with the Town Treasurer for the year 1785

3d. Voted to Dissolve this Meeting

Ebenez.r Allen Mod.r

Entered. Pr Sam.l Ward Town Clerk

Worcester ss (Seal)

To the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs — Greeting

In the name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts you are required to meet at the meeting in Lancaster on Monday the 24th day of June Instant at 5 oClock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles —

Warrant

1st To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting — —

2d To See if the Town will choose a Committee to Sell the Axes & Hatchetts that are the property of said Town, which are now in the hands of Capt. Thos. Gates and to Act or Transact any thing relating thereto — — — — — — — —

3d To See if the Town will allow to Constable Jona. Denny the Taxes of Abraham Bateman, Reuben Dodge, Benja. Priest & Sands Barrett & Wm. Deputercene Junr. — — — —

Proceedings of

Given under our hands and Seals this 12th day of June 1706 — N.B. March Meeting Stands adjourned to the time above mentioned. —

Nath'l Beaman
Jona. Whitney
Mich'l. Newhall
Jonas Fairbank Junr.
Joseph Carter —

} Select Men of Lancaster

Lancaster June 26th 1706 —

We have caused the Free holders and other Inhabetants of said Town to be notified agreable to the within Warrant by Posting the Same Accord ing to Law — — —

Joseph Carter
Jona. Whitney
Mich'l. Newhall

} Select men of Lancaster

Lancaster June 26th 1786 The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town being this day legally Assembled Passed the following Votes viz. —

1st Chose Michael Newhall Modr

2d Voted & Chose Mr Jona Whitney to receive all the Axes & Pick Axes which Capt Thomas Gates received for the Town and to keep the same till the further Order of the Town. — —

3d Voted to allow to Jona Fenny Constable the rates of Deborah Bateman & Reuben Dodge, said Fenny to be Accountable to the Town in part or for the whole as the Town may direct hereafter — — — — — — —

4th Voted to Pass over the rates of ~~Reuben Dodge~~ of Benjn Praist and Samuel Barrett, and Wm Depenteren Junr

5th Voted to Dissolve this meeting — Mich.l Newhall Modr

Entered per Saml Ward Town Clerk —

Proceedings of a Meeting June 26. 1786

Worcester ss (LS) To the Free holders & others Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs — Greeting

In the name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to meet at the meeting House in said Town on Saturday the 12th day of August next at 5 o Clock P.M. to Act on the following Articles. viz

1st To choose a Moderator to Govern said meeting —

2d To see if the Town will choose one or more persons to represent them in the Proposed County Convention to be holden on the 15th day of August next at Leicester — Lancaster July 26th 1786 —

By Order of the Selectmen —

Saml Ward Town Clerk

Warrant for a meeting Augt 12. 1786

Lancaster August 12th 1786 I have warned the Free Holders and other Inhabitants of s.d Town to meet at Time & Place agreeable to the above Warrant by Posting the same more than 14 days before this day —

Saml Ward Town Clerk

Entered by Saml Ward Town Clerk —

Proceedings of meeting held Augst 12. 1706

Leicester August 12th 1706 —

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said Town being legally warned and duly Assembled this day passed the Following Votes viz. . . . . —

1st Chose Mr Peter Green Moderator —

2d Chose Mr Ebenezr Allen to represent the Town in the proposd County Convention to be holden at Leicester on the 15th Instt —

3d Voted to choose a Committee of seven to prepare Instructions for the said Allen and lay the same before the Town

Then the Town made choice of Capt Jno Whiting Moses Smith, John Sprague Sr, Deacon Wm Willard, Deacon Benjn Houghton, Michael Stewall, & Samuel Ward as a Comittee for the above Purpose —

Voted to adjourn this meeting to monday the 14th Instt. at 5 oClock P. M. at the Meting House —

Peter Green Modr —

Entered by Saml Ward Town Clerk —

Leicester August 14th 1706 —

At a meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabitants of Said Town by adjournment

The Committee appointed by the Town to prepare Instructions for the Delegate to Convention laid the same before the Town and the same being read Paragraph by Paragraph and the Question being put to see whether the Town would adopt them and it Passed in the affirmative

Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to monday the 21st Instt. at 5 oClock P.M. —

Entered

Peter Green Modr

Saml Ward Town Clerk

Lancaster August 21st 1706 —

At a Legall Meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabitants of S.d Town by Adjournment

the report of the Delegate from Convention being read and no Objection being made thereto the Town then voted to Adjourn to the first Monday in October next at 3.o Clock P. M —

Entered — Peter Green mod.r

P. Sam.ll Ward Town Clerk

Worcester ss. ~~Nathaniel~~ Willard Constable of the Town of Lancaster . . . Greeting

In the name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts you are required to warn the Freeholders and other inhabitants Qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the meeting House in S.d Town on thursday the 31.st day of August Inst.t at one o'Clock P. M . . . — — — — — — — —

Warrant for a meeting 31st Aug.t 1706

1st To Choose a Moderator to Govern S.d meeting —

2.d To see if the Town will act on the Petition of Jon.a Wilder and others . . . — — — — —

3.d To See if the Town will act on the Petition of Ebenz.r Allen & others and to act or Transact any matters relateing to S.d Petitions — and you are to make return of this warrant to some of the subscribers at the time above mentioned —

Given under our hands and seals this 26.th day of August 1706 — — —

Nath.ll Beaman
Joseph Carter
Jonas Fairbank Jun.r
} Selectmen of Lancaster

Lancaster August the 30.th 1706 —

— By virtue of the above warrant I have warned the Inhabitants that are Qualified to vote in Town Meetings —

Nathan.l Willard Constable for Lancaster —

Lancaster August 31st 1786

Pursuant to a warrant from the Select men dated 26th of August Instant - The Free holders and other Inhabitants of Said Town Legally Qualified to Vote in Town affairs Convened and passed the Following Votes ——— ———

1st Voted and chose Capt Ephraim Carter Modr
2d Voted & chose Mr Michael Newhall Clerk S. T.
3d Voted to pass over the 2d article for the present in the Petition of Jona Wilder & others ———
4th Voted to pass over the 3d Article in the Said Petition for the present ——— ———
5th Voted to pass over the 4th article in the petition for the present
6th Voted to pass over the ~~Petition~~ of Ebenezr Allen & others for the present ———
7th Voted to adjourn this meeting to the 1st monday in October next at 1 o'Clock P.M. then to meet in this place. ——— ——— Modr

Proceedings of a meeting 31st August 1786

Ephraim Carter Junr

Attest Mich Newhall Clerk S. T.

Entered P. Sawtell Ward Town Clerk

Lancaster October 2d 1786

The Free holders and other Inhabitants of Said Town being Legally Assembled this day by Adjournment from the 31st day of August ~~August~~ last, Voted as follows viz

1st Voted & chose Mr Ebenezer Allen Modr
2d Voted to Adjourn this Meeting for one hour —
3d Then Opened Said Meeting and Voted to Dissolve this Meeting ———

Ebenezr Allen Modr

P. Sawtell Ward Town Clerk —

Lancaster October 2d 1786

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of s.d Town being legally Assembled this day by Adjournment from the 25th day of August last voted and acted as follows viz.

1st Voted and chose Mr Michael Newhall Mod.r

Then the Town went into the Consideration of the doings of the Convention and after Accepting such articles in the Petition to the General Court and rejecting others as the Town thought proper, which are noted in the Margin of the s.d Petition — then Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the 3d Monday of November next at one oClock P.M. then to meet at this place

Mich.l Newhall Mod.r

Entered P Sam.l Ward Town Clerk

Lancaster November 20th 1786

The Free holders and other Inhabitants of said Town being legally Assembled this day by adjournment voted & acted as follows viz;

voted and chose Mr Ebenezer Allen Mod.r

voted to Adjourn this meeting to the Second Monday in Dec.r next at 1 oClock P.M And that the Town Clerk Notify the Same by posting

Eb.enez.r Allen Mod.r

Entered P. Sam.l Ward Town Clerk

Lancaster December 11th 1786

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of s.d Town being Assembled this day by Adjournment — and voted to Adjourn this meeting to Monday the 22d day of January next at 1 oClock P.M

Eben.r Allen Mod.r

Entered P Sam.l Ward Town Clerk

Worcester ss (Seal)

To the Free Holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to meet at the meeting House in Lancaster on Thursday the 4th day of January next at one oClock P.M. to act on the following Articles (viz)

1st To choose a Moderator to Govern said Meeting.

2d To see if the Town will take into consideration the address from the General Court to the People and return an answer thereto, or make such observations thereon as they may think necessary by way of Instruction to their representative to be communicated by him to the general court at their next Session or to act or Transact any thing relateing thereto

Warrant for a meeting Janry 4. 1787

3d To see if the Town will cause an Inspection to be made into the State of the Town Stock of Ammunition and if any of it should prove unfit for use or the Quantity be incompleat to answer the Law, what measures the Town will take to procure the deficiency. Given under our hands and Seals this 19th day of December AD 1786

Entered. P. Sam. Ward T.C

Joseph Carter
Jona. Whitney
Micah Sawtell
Silas Fairbanks Junr.
Selectmen

Lancaster January 4th 1787

The Free Holders and other Inhabitants of said Town have been Legally warned by posting the above warrant fourteen days before said Meeting

Attest Samuel Ward Town Clerk

Lancaster January A.D. 1787

The Free holders & other Inhabitants of s.d Town having been Legally warned and duly Assembled this day passed the following Votes viz —

1st Voted and Chose M.r Peter Green, Moderator

the Address from the General Court was then read and Considerd and thereupon Voted to choose a Committee of Seven to draw up instructions for the representative to and thereupon Voted & Chose, Sam.l Ward, Capt. Tim.o Whiting Just.s, John Sprague Esq.r, M.r Moses Sawyer, M.r Jon.a Wilder Deacon Cyrus Fairbank, & Capt. Dan.l Goss as a Committee for the above purpose, —

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the 22d. Inst. at 9 Clock AM.

Entered Peter Green Moderator —
P. Sam.l Ward Town Clerk

Lancaster Jan.y 22d. 1787

The Free holders and other Inhabitants of said Town being this day Legally Assembled agreeable to Adjournment to receive and examine the report of the Committee appointed to draw up instructions for their Representative and the said instructions being presented read & consider'd paragraph by Paragraph were voted and accepted by the Town, also Voted that the said instructions be printed in the Worcester News Paper —

then Voted to Dispolve this meeting — Peter Green, Moderator
Entered by Sam.l Ward T. Clerk

Lancaster Jan.y 22d. 1787

The Free holders and other Inhabitants of said Town being legally Assembled this day by Adjournment to receive the report of their delegate to convention which being read thereupon Voted to discontinue the said Delegate to the County Convention — then Voted to Dispolve this meeting —

Entered P. Sam.l Ward T. Clk — Peter Green, Moderator

Worcester ss. (Seal)

To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster & legally Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs — Greeting.

In the name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts

You are hereby required to meet at the meeting House in said Town on Monday the 5th day of March next at 12 o'Clock at noon to act on the following Articles viz —

1st To choose a Moderator to Govern said Meeting —

2d To Choose Town officers for the Year ensuing it being your Annual Meeting for that purpose —

3d To grant Money to defray Town Charges &c. and for Schooling and to direct the Method of disposing of it —

4th To see what money the Town will grant for Repairing Highways &c. and to ascertain the price of Labour for men Oxen & Utentials

5th To see if the Town will Imprower the Surveyors of Highways to collect the Highway rate in Money of all those who neglect to work out their rates after being duly warned thereto, they the Surveyors to be accountable to the Town-surer in the same manner as the collectors of other Taxes, — Warrant for March Meeting 1787

6th To Choose Collectors for the Ministers Gallery —

7th To give in your Votes for County Treasurer —

8th To see if the Town will hire a collector of Taxes in the same manner they did last year, he to give Bonds to Sondemnify the Town —

9th To see if the Town will dismiss the Committee appointed to Superintend the build[ing] of Bridges & Causeways, and choose a Committee in their Stead —

10th To See if the Town will abate the Rates of Wm Brinks, Jon[a] Green, & Wm Moore in John Ballards Tax Bill for the ministry and also the Rates of John Putnam in Nath[l] Willards Rate Bill and likewise the rates of John Rice & Samuel Barnett in Wm Lockes Rate Bill, and also the rates of Wm Richardson Jun[r] for the year 1790 in Fred[k] Gilberts Rate Bill —

11th To see if the Town will allow Fred[k] Gilbert for 150 Dollars of the old Emission which he took for Taxes and which proves to be Counterfeit and also allow him the cost of a Suit of Col[o] Greenleaf for Parish Taxes. —

Lancaster Feb[y] 17th 1787 By Order of the Selectmen

Attest, Ward Town Clerk

12th To see if the Town will grant the request of Joshua Phelps and others Requesting the road from John Hudsons to Capt[n] Whites

Lancaster March 5th 1787. I have warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of this Town to meet at time & place agreeable to the above warrant by posting the same agreable to Law

Test Ward Town Clerk

Lancaster March 10. 1787

The Free holders & other Inhabitants of S.d Town having been legally warned and duly Assembled this day, passed the following Votes Viz.

1st Voted & Chose Mr Peter Green Moderator

2d Voted to Accept of the Account which the Select men have exhibited of the Prudentials of the Town

3d Voted to chose Samuel Ward Town Clerk

Chose { Joseph Carter, Jon.a Whitney, Jonas Fairbank Jun.r } Select men
Mess.rs { Richd Newhall, Timo Knight }

Chose Mr Peter Green Town Treasurer

Mess.rs { Jon.a Whiting Jun.r, Moses Sawyer, Benj.a Wyman } Assessors

Mess.rs { Saml Jones, John Carter } Collectors for the Ministers Sallery

Proceedings of March Meeting 1787

Capt James Carter
Jno Sprague Esq.r
Manasseh Knight
Jon.a Fenny
Elitha Sawtell
Edw.d Johnson
Jon.a Wilder
Titus Wilder
Nathan Willard
Peter Thurston
} Surveyors of Highways

John Ballard, Oliver Fenny } Field drivers

Jonas Fairbank, Wm Wilder } Fence viewers

Samuel Wilder Jun.r, William Phelps } Cullers of Staves

Mess.rs Jon.a Whitney
Dav.d Goss } Surveyors & Clapboards & Shingles —

Moses Shurtleff Deer Reeve

James Elder Fish Reeve

Isaac Bugg
Abel Phelps } Tithing men

Capt. Thomas Gates Sealer of weights & measures

Mr. Joseph Carter Sealer of Leather —

Voted to Raise Four hundred & fifty pounds to defray Town charges and that One hundred pound of the same be schooled out in the same manner as last year

Voted to Raise One hundred & twenty pounds to repair Highways &c. ——

The Votes for a County Treasurer being called for & brought in it appeared there was 55 votes for Tim.o Paine Esq.r —

Voted that a mans Labour at Highways shall be 3/ p.r day from the 1.st of may to the 1.st day of October 1/6 a p.r for Oxen, 1/ for a horse & 6.d for a Cart, and for the remainder of the year 2/ for a man p.r day and in that proportion for the other articles —— ——

Voted that the Select men be directed to hire a Collector of Taxes and take bonds to Indemnify the Town —

Voted to Dismiss the 9.th Article in the warrant —

Voted to refund the Rates of Wm Brink, to John Ballard Coll.r

Voted that the Select men be directed to allow Nath.l Willard what is due to him for John Putnams Taxes said Will.d and to be accountable for the same whenever he can obtain it

Voted to Abate the Rates of John Preist in Mr Lakes List

Voted that the Select men be directed to allow to Fred.k Albert the Rates of Wm Richardson Jun.r said albert to be accountable to the Town if he can Collect it hereafter

Voted to allow said Albert for 150 counterfeit Dollars at 7/6 a piece

Voted not to allow Fred.k Alberts cost of a suit —

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in april next at 1 Oclock P. M. —

Entered P. Sh. Ward Town Clerk Peter Green mod.r —

Lancaster 2d 1787 –

Here followeth an Account of the Prudentials of the Town of Lancaster for the year 1786 with the Treasr

~~To the Land~~ Peter Green Town Treasurer to the Town of Lancaster . ——— Dr

To the ballance that remained in his hands & the Collectors Hands the Last year as appears by the Accounts adjusted in the Town Books Including Joseph Rowells Note of £55.6.3 ——— £ 873.5.10

To Each he is to receive of the Coll.rs for 1786 - 408.11.6

£1281.17.4

Per Contra . . ——— Cr

By Sundry Orders drawn on the Treasurer Viz –

By an Order in favr of Keith Farmer for keeping Gyles Son		1.19.	
Do. in favr of Thos. Carter for Bridge Plank		1.1.	
Nathl. Rockwell for keeping Pestilence		1.12.	
Nathl. Eaton for abatemt of Taxes		5.9.4	Prudentials for 1786
Joseph Carter for Supporting the poor		6.3	
Jona. Wheelock Junr for abat. of Taxes		16.8	
Nathl. Beaman for Support of the poor	2.		
John Campbell for keeping Keith Brown	1.17.		
Abel Rugg for warning Town Meetings	1.4.		
Abel Rugg for Abatemt of Taxes	1.9.10		
Peter Green for Cost of Mr Harrington Suit	2.16.		
Joseph White for Schooling in 1785	3.4.		
Lucy Prescott for keeping her Husband	1.		
Saml. Serjant for abt. of Taxes	1.11.6		
Saml. Serjant for abatemt. of Taxes	1.11.6		
Abijah Wyman for Support of the Poor	1.		
Lucy Prescott for keeping her Husband	5.9		
Jonas Fairbanks Junr for Support of the poor	2.		
Mrs Fairbanks note of hand	6.16.5		
Jona.s Whiting Junr for Schooling in 1785	5.17.9		
Saml. Serjant for abatt. of Taxes	7.14.11		
Abel Phelps for Abatemt of Taxes	2.8.5		
Jona.s Knight for Schooling	2.2.		
Nathl. Joslin for Support of the poor	2.6.1		
Danl. Goss for schooling	2.6.		
Stephen Wilder for do	2.7.		
Thos. Bullard for Schooling	5.		
Keith Farmer for keeping Henson	1.14.10		
Carried Forward	£70.17.3		

Brot Forward		£70 17 3
Lucy Preist	for keeping her Husband	1 10
Thos. Bennett	for keeping Mr. Rugg	18
Wm. Locke	for Support & Selectmen & Assessors	15 8
Wm. Locke	for cash p.d for burying Heath	16
Willi. Wilder	for allowance for a Hound	3 8
Jeremiah Pratt	for Support of Poor	1 4
Hooker Osgood	for Schooling in 1706	1 12 8
Josh. Wilder Esq.	for Docking the Poor, warrant &c.	5 11 10
Moses Smith	for making Rates in 1706	3 6 8
Thos. Bennett	for keeping Mr. Rugg	19 4
Solom.n Townsend	for keeping poor, Timber &c.	1 8
Jonas Fairbanks Jun.r	for Bridge Planks	1 10
Abel Rugg	for Baldwins Rate in 1702	4 18 11
Nath.l Willard	for abatt.t of Taxes in 1703	10
Thos. Ballard	for Schooling in 1705	5
Nath.l Willard	for Dan.l Bowers Taxes	10
Josiah Wilder Esq.r	for Doct.r & P. Wyman	2 7 6
Sam.l Serjeant	for Baldwins Taxes in 1703	2 19
Nath.l Willard	for Incr. of poor warning meetings &c.	5 15 8
Lucy Preist	for keeping her Husband	2
Nath.l Beaman	for Support of the Poor	14
Jon.a Whitney	for cash p.d for burying Cloth	9 3
Jon.a Penny	for abatem.t of Taxes & warning meeting	1
Nath.l Eaton	for Israel Butlers Taxes	1 18 4
Ben.a W. Willard	for mending Shoes for Poor	1 7
Dan.l Cross	for Schooling in 1704	12
Lucy Preist	for keeping her Husband	1 11 9
Thos. Bennett	for keeping Mr. Rugg & wife	2 4 8
Jon.a Wilder	for Support of the Poor	1 4
Jon.a Penny	for abatem.t of Taxes	3 5 11
Thos. Bennett	for keeping Mr. Rugg	1 14
Lucy Preist	for keeping her Husband	2 9 10
John Prescott	for cash p.d for burying Cloth	6
Edward Wilder	for Hound at Bonnichen	2 6
Lucy Preist	for keeping her Husband	2 3 6
Sam.l Whiting	for Officers Bill & for poor	1 7 8
Ruth Farmer	for keeping her Son	1 12 2
Sam.l Whiting Sam.l	for making Rates & Inspection 1785	1 13 2
John Campbell	for Support of a Poor	1 17 6
Congress Fairbanks	for Interest Money	6
Carried Forward		£163

Prudentials for 1786

Brot. Forward . . . . . £163 —

Order in favr. of Wm. Locke for Entertaing Assessors 1 8 10
Do. Jona. Wilder for Supporting the Poor . . . . 1 10 —
Nathl. Bearman for making Taxes, & Supp.g poor 2 19 10
James Goodwin for Schooling in 1705 — 4 —
Wm. Stacker for Do — and Do — 1 17 4
Ruth Farmer for keeping her Son 3 months — 1 19 —
Joseph Carter for Money paid at Weinsendon 3 4 —
Thos. Ballard for Schooling in 1705 — 3 5 —
Eliza. Clark for Schooling . . . . . 1 14 —
Thos. Bennett for keeping Mr. Rugg's child 3 — —
Benja. Gould on Acct. of Lucy Priest — 15 —
Joshua Phelps for Schooling in 1705 — 5 12 —
James Goodwin for Schooling in 1705 — 1 16 —
Cyprus Fairbanks for Interest for Brattle Estate 4 8 2
Jona. Wilder . . . . . 4 —
Lucy Priest for keeping her Husband — 3 12 —

By Cash paid Mr. Harrington upon a Note 7 19 2
By an Order in favr. of Mr. Harrington for June pay 1703 — 44 4 —
By Do. — in favr. of Do. for Decr. pay 1703 — 64 —
By Do. — Do. — Do. for June pay 1704 — 46 5 — Prudentials for 1786
By Do. — Do. — Do. for Decr. pay 1704 — 46 5 —
By Do. — Do. — for June pay 1705 — 45 —
By Do. — Do. — Do. for Decr. pay 1705 — 45 —
By Do. — Do. — Do. for his Rect. for part of his June pay 1706 — 21 11 6

£ 520 9 10

Now due in the Several Constables hands
for 1705. 1706 in Constables hands £ 55 1 9
in Constable Prescotts hands — 44 19 —
due on Adams's Rates — 23 14 7
due from Gard. Phelps — 10 17 9
due from Manasseh Wilder — 9 1 5
due from Nathl. Willard — 153 15 3

For the year 1786 in Collectors, Willard £ 297 9 9
Johnson & Wilders hands — 408 11 6
Joseph Nowells Note — 55 6 3 — 761 7 6

£ 1281 17 4

Lancaster March 5th 1707

Ballance now due to the Town which is in the Several Collectors hands as above is £ 761 7 6

entered
P. Willard Town Clerk

Nathl. Newhall
Jona. Whitney
Joseph Carter
Cyprus Fairbanks
} Selectmen of Lancaster

Pork at 4d . . . £22 —
Beef @ 2¾ . . . . . 24 " 13 " 4
Rye @ 4/ . . . . . 20 " — " —
Corn @ 3/ . . . . . 22 " 10 " —
£ 89 " 3 " 4

The above is a Cast of the Record Esqr. Harringtons Sallery for the year 1787.
Entered per Saml. Ward Town Clk. Test. Whiting Junr. } Assessors
Moses Smith } of Lancaster

Worcester ss To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally Qualified to Vote for Governor Lieutenant Governour Senators and Councellors, and also to those that are Qualified to Vote in Town affairs — Greeting —

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to meet at the Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 2d day of April next at 1 o Clock P. M. to act on the following Artides viz —

1st To Give in your Votes for Governour Lieut. Governor Senators and Councellors for the year ensuing agreeably to the Constitution —

2d. To choose a Moderator to Govern the meeting for Town affairs —

3d. To see if the Town will come into some new method of Assessing and Collecting Highway Rates and to do any other matter or thing Concerning the same that the Town may think fit —

4th To see if the Town will abate the Rates of Mr. Harrington as Ward in Constable Tenneys Rate Bill for 1784 and also his Rates in Constable Willards List for 1785 & 1786

Lancaster March 19th 1787 — By Order of the Select men — Saml. Ward Town Clk

Lancaster April 2d 1787

The Free holders and other Inhabitants of S.d Town being Legally Assembled this day the following Votes were passed viz the Votes for Governor Lieut. Governor, Senators and Counsellors being called for in course brot in and sorted it appeared the following Gentlemen were voted for viz —

For Governour

His Excellency James Bowdoin Esq.r	38 Votes
Hon.d John Hancock Esq.r	84 Do.

For Lieu.t Gov.r

Hon.d Benj.a Lincoln Esq.r	81
His Honour Thos. Cushing Esq.r	36

For Senators & Counsellors

Abel Wilder Esq.r	70	Capt. Stephen Maynard	11
Seth Washburn Esq.r	58	Samuel Nichols Esq.r	5
Sam.l Curtis Esq.r	58	Will.m Willis Hall	4
John Sprague Esq.r	55	Sam.l Wilder Esq.r	2
Jon.a Grout Esq.r	49	Abner Holden Esq.r	1
Capt. Nathan Adams	49	Mr. Ebenez.r Allen	1
Will.m Peter Penniman	49	John Hessenden Esq.r	1
Rufus Putnam Esq.r	47	Sam.l Ward	1
Dea.n Joseph Stone	44		
Moses Gill Esq.r	35		
Tim.o Paine Esq.r	24		
Sam.l Baker Esq.r	19		

Proceedings of April meeting

Mich.l Newhall
Jno.o Sprague
Joseph Carter
Thos. Swinburne
Sam.l Whitney
} Select men

Entered P. Sam.l Ward Town Clerk

Then the Town chose Mr. Peter Green Mod.r

Voted to Pass over the 4th Article in the warrant Respecting Mr. Artemas Ward Rates

Voted to Adjourn this meeting to the 2d monday in May next at 2 o'Clock P.M. Peter Green Mod.r

Attest Sam.l Ward Town Clerk

Lancaster April 2d 1787 the Free holders and other inhabitants of S.d Town being legally assembled this day agreeable to Adjournment from the 5th of March last Passed the following Votes viz

adjournment of March meeting

1st Voted to Adjourn till half past 3 o'Clock this day — then met.

Voted & Chose Mr. Seth Washburn Willard Constable

Chose Mr. Mich.l Newhall Grand jurinan for the year ensuing

Voted to Adjourn this meeting to the Second monday in may next at 2 o'Clock P.M.

Attest Sam.l Ward Town Clerk — Peter Green Mod.r

Worcester April 2d 1707 at a Legall meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town held this day the following Votes were passed viz —

1st Voted that the Assessors make the Highway rates seperate from other rates and each Surveyors distrect by themselfs and warrants for Collecting them in legall form — that they Copy each Surveyers district seperately — that they deliver the Assessments and warrants to the Constable — and the said Copies to the respective Surveyors before the 20th day of may next —

2d Voted that the Surveyors shall cause the Inhabitants of their respective districts to work out their said rates (if they see fit) before the first day of Decr next and on the same day return to the Constable the afore said copies with such desig=nations or minutes as shall shew whose and how much of the said rates shall be worked out before the said first day of December —

3d Voted that the Constable on the receipt of the said Assessment and warrants proceed to Collect the Highway rates of non Residents in money and that on the receipt of the said Copies he brogs or Credit the rate worked out and proceed to collect the remainder in money —

4th 20 Voted that the Constable shall not collect any high way rates of the Inhabitants of the Town until the said first day of December except of those who are about to move out of Town without having Settled the same — —

Peter Green Moderr

Attest Saml Ward Town Clerk

Worcester April 2d 1707 Personally appeared Jno Whiting Junr Moses Sawyer, Benja Wyman, Jona Whitney, Michael Newhall, Jona Fairbank Junr Joseph Carter, Jno Knight, Peter Green & Nath Willard and took & subscribed the oath of allegiance agreeable to a late Law, before me, Saml Ward Town Clerk —

Worcester ss April 4th 1707 Personally Appeared Samuel Ward and took & subscribed the oath of Allegiance.

before me Josiah Willard Juss Pacis —

Copy attest Saml Ward Town Clr —

Worcester ss. To the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town (Seal) of Lancaster Legally Qualified to Vote for Representative and likewise in Town affairs — Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to meet at the Meeting House in said Town on Monday the 14th day of May next at one of Clock P.M. to Act on the following Articles viz —

1st To Elect a Representative to serve in the General Court the Year ensuing —

2d To Choose a Moderator to Govern the Meeting —

3d To See if the Town will abate the rates of Abel Sawyer David Baldwin, Samuel Sawyer, Dr Wm Brinks, — Whitney and Wm Loring in Constable Prescotts List for the year 1704 —

Warrant for May Meeting 1787

Lancaster April 28th 1787 By Order of the Selectmen

Sam Ward Town Clk

Lancaster May 14th 1787

The Free holders and other Inhabitants of said Town being Assembled this day Voted and Acted as follows viz — Voted and Chose Mr Michael New hall Representative for the Year ensuing —

2d Voted and Chose Mr Peter Green Moderator —

3d Voted to Choose a Committee of Seven to draw ~~up a Petition~~ a Petition to the Genl Court —

Proceedings of May Meeting 1787 —

4 Voted and Chose Capt Jno Whiting Junr
Mr Moses Sawyer
Mr Peter Green
Deacn Benja Houghton
Deacn Cyrus Fairbank
Dr James Carter
Capt Eph Carter as a Committee for the above purpose, and lay the same before the Town

5th Voted that the Selectmen be directed to allow to Constable John Prescott what is due to him for the rates of Abel Sawyer, David Baldwin, Samuel Sawyer, Dr Wm Brinks, — Whitney and Wm Loring in his List for the Year 1704 & Prescott to be Accountable for any of those Taxes when ever he can collect the same — Voted to Adjourn this meeting to Monday the 25th Inst at 4 Clock P.M. Then Accordingly

Lancaster May 14th 1707

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town being Legally Assembled this day by adjournment from the 2d of April Last voted as follows viz —

Voted not to abate the Rates of Mr. Artemas Ward Junr in Constables Tenny & Willards Rate Bill —

Voted to abate the rates of Lemuel Barrett in Constable Lockes List for the year 1709 —

Voted To Dissolve this meeting —

Peter Green Modr —

Recorded by Simt Ward Town Cler —

Worcester ss.

To Nathaniel Willard Constable of the Town of Lancaster greeting

(Seal) In the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts you are required to warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Meeting House in said Town on thursday the 27th day of Septemr at 2 o Clock P.M. to Act on the following Articles viz —

1st To choose a Moderator to Govern said meeting —

2d To See what method the Town will come into for repairing the Bridges & Causeways which have been carried away in the Late Flood, And to raise money for the above purpose And you are to make return of this warrant to some one of the Subscribers at the time above mentioned — Given Under our Hands and Seal — this 24th day of September 1707 —

Warrant for a meeting Sept 27th 1707

Jona Whitney
Thos Sawbank Jus. } Select men
Jos Wd Carter } of Lancaster

Lancaster Sept 27. 1707 By Virtue of the above warrant I have warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants to meet at time and place within mentiond —

Nathl Willard Constable for Lancaster

Lancaster September 27th 1707

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town Legally Qualified to Vote in Town affairs being Legally assembled this day Passed the following Votes viz — 1st chose Dr. Josiah Ballard mod.r

2d Voted to Repair the Bridges and Causeways —

3d Voted to Raise One hundred & twenty pounds to be expended in repairing the Bridges and Causeways damaged in the late Flood —

Proceedings of a meeting Sept.r 27. 1707

4th Voted to Choose a Committee of five to Superintend the repairing the Bridges & Causeways — then voted & Chose Mess.rs Nath.l Willard, Moses Sawyer Michael Newhall, Lt.r Edmund Heard, & Capt.n Sprr.r Carter a Committee for the above purpose —

5th Voted that the price for men, oxen and Utentials &c. be the same dureing the Month of October next as it was the last Summer for the above Tax — Then voted to Dispolve this meeting —

Josiah Ballard Mod.r

Entered p. Sam.l Ward T. Clerk —

Worcester ss To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally Qualified to Vote in Town affairs — Greeting —

(Seal)

You are hereby required in the name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts to meet at the Meeting House in s.d Town on Monday the 15th day of October next at 2 o Clock P.M. to act on the following Articles viz.t 1.st To Choose a Mod.r to Govern the meeting

2d To See if the Town will build a Bridge over the River near Ens.n Greenleafs Mills —

Warrant for a Meeting Oct.r 15. 1707

3d To Choose a Committee to Settle with the Old and new Managers of the Lottery, and with the Committee for Building Bridges & repairing Causeways

4th To See if the Town will dispense with one Religious Exercise on each Sabbath dureing the three cold winter monthes in Consideration of the advanced Age of the Rev.d Mr. Harrington and the remote distance of Some of the Inhabitants from meeting —

5th To See if the Town will Choose Inspectors of Bridges, that in Case of Flood every precaution may be used to prevent the loss of Bridges — Lancaster Sept.r 29th 1707 — By Order of the Selectmen

Sam.ll Ward Town Clerk

Entered by Sam.l Ward T. Clerk

Lancaster October 15th 1787

At a meeting of the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally warned and duly assembled this day the following Votes were passed viz

1st Voted & Chose Mr Peter Green Mod.r

2d Voted to choose two Inspectors for Each of the Bridges in case of Flood, then the following persons were chosen viz

Jonas Wyman
Col.o Edm.d Heard } For the meeting House Bridge —

Nath.l Willard
Capt Jn.o Whiting } Neck Bridge —

Josiah Phelps
Wm Locke } Below Doct.r Atherton's

Jon.a White
Capt Jn.o Whitney } White's Bridge

Maj.r Sam.l Wilder
Nath.l Eaton } — Ben nutt's

Proceedings of a Meeting Octo.r 15th 1787 —

On the 3d article Voted to choose a Committee of five to Settle with the Old & new Managers of the Lottery and with the Old Committee for Rebuilding & making Road the Publick Bridges & Causeways in s.d Town —

Voted & Chose John Sprague Esq.r
Capt Jn.o Maynard
Capt Jn.o Whiting
Mr Thos Sawyer
& Dr Cyrus Fairbank as a Committee for the above purpose

On the 2d article respecting the building a Bridge over the River near Gen.l Greenleaf's Mills, Voted that the new Committee on Bridges together with Major Wilder & Deacon Houghton be a Committee to view the Ground and consider of the expediency of building a Bridge, and if Necessary, where it ought to be built, and how a road can be had on each side and make report at the adjournment of this meeting — On the 4th article Voted that in the opinion of the Town the advanced age of the Rev.d Mr Harrington may render it injurious to his Health to attend two services a day in the rigour of the 3 winter months, therefore the Town requests the Rev.d Mr Harrington whenever he finds it inconvenient to perform 2 services a day in those months or at any other season to signify the same to the Congregation at the close of the first service —

Voted that the Deacons be a Committee to wait on the Rev.d Jon.a Harrington with a Copy of the above Vote — Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in Nov.r next at 2 o'Clock P.M.

Peter Green Mod.r
Ward.t Clerk

Worcester ss. To the Free Holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs and also to those that are Qualified to Vote for Representative in the Gen.l Court . . . . Greeting

(Seal)

In the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts you are Hereby required to meet at the Meeting House in said Town on Tuesday the 20th day of November ~~Instant~~ at 12 o.Clock for the following Purposes

1st To Choose a Mod.r To Govern the meeting

2d. To Choose a Delegate to represent the Town in the Convention to be holden at Boston on the 2d. Wednesday of Jan.y next agreeably to a late resolve of the Gen.l Court

3d. To See if the Town will accept of the return of a road laid out by the Select men from the South east Corner of Dr. Benj.a Houghtons Land on the West Side of the river down to the County road at Gen.l Greenleafs Mills

4th. To See if the Town will Choose a Committee to Prefer a Petition to the Court of Gen.l Sessions of the Peace to have the above road confirmed and to discontinue the old road over the Mill pond up to where the new bridge is to be built

5th. To See if the Town will allow to Joshua Fletcher the Necessary Extraordinary expence he has been at on account of his Serving the Town as one of the Committee of Safety and Inspection

6th. To See if the Town will allow all those persons who shall not have worked out their rates at the Neck bridge and the bridge near Mr. Spragues to work them out at the New bridge to be built above Gen.l Greenleafs Mills

7. To Raise Money to build a bridge a Cross the River above Gen.l Greenleafs Mills and to Choose a Committee to Superintend the building of the Same

8th. To See if the Town will Impower the Select Men to agree with John Warner for the Maintenance of the Wid.o Warner and her Son Timothy during their Natural lives for a Certain Sum they to take bond Sufficient & Indemnify the Town

9. To See if the Town will abate the Rates of Isa.c Munroe & Wm. Willis in Constable Eatons Rate bill — also the rates of Capt. Walt.r White, Walter Pollard, John Wyman, Ephraim White, Prudence Warner in Constable Joh.a Jennys rate Bill

Lancaster Nov.r 5th 1787 By Order of the Select men

Sam.l Ward Town Clerk

Entered by S Ward Town Clerk

Warrant for a meeting Nov.r 20. 1787

Lancaster Nov.r 20. 1787 I have caused the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of s.d Town to be warned by posting the above Warrant 14 days — Attt. Sam.l Ward Town Clerk

Lancaster November 5th 1787 the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said Town being legally assembled this day by adjournment from the 15th ultº Passed the following Vote viz — voted to adjourn this meeting to Tuesday the 20th Instt at 1º Clock P.M. Test P. Sᵗ Mᵗ Ward Town Clerk — Peter Green Modr

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Lancaster November 20th 1787 the Free holders and other Inhabitants of Said Town being legally assembled this day agreeable to adjournment from the 5th Instt. Passed the following Votes — 1st voted to Build a Bridge a cross the River above Gen! Greens Leaft Mills — voted to Dissolve this meeting — —

Peter Green Modr

Lancaster November 20th 1787 the Free holders and other Inhabitants of Said Town legally Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs, and also in the Choice of Representative to vote the Gen! Court being legally Assembled this day Passed the following votes viz. 1st Voted & Chose Mr Peter Green Moderator of this meeting

2d Voted that the Selectmen be directed to agree with John Farmer for the maintenance of the wid? Farmer & her Son Timothy during their Natural lives for the Sum of Forty pounds & be paid in neat stock the Said John to give bonds with Sureties Sufficient & Indemnify the Town — — — — — — — — —

3d Voted to Choose a Committee to examine Mr Joshua Fletchers Account & make report at the next meeting —

Proceedings of Meeting Nov! 20th 1787

4th voted & Chose Mr Peter Green, Capt James Carter & Sam! Ward as a Committee for the above purpose — — —

5th Voted & Chose the Hon!? John Sprague Esq? a delegate to represent the Town in the Convention to be holden at Boston on the 2d Wednesday (January) next agreeably to a late Resolve of the Gen! Court — — — — — — — —

6th voted & choose a Committee of seven to draw up Instructions for the Said Delegate — — — — — —

7th voted & Chose Dr Benj? Houghton Lieu! Ward Capt Eph? Carter Capt Chas Whiting Jn? Dr Cyprian Baldwin Dr Josiah Ballard and Mr Jon? Wilder as a Committee for the above purpose

8th voted that the Selectmen be directed to allow & Constable Nath? Balcom the Taxes of Mrs Willis, and also & Constable Jon? Fenny, the rates of Capt Josiah White, Walter Pollard & John Chapman, they the said Constables to be accountable to the Town whenever they can collect the Same rates of those persons — —

9th Voted & chose John Sprague Esq. a Committee to petition the Grand Court of General Sessions of peace for a County road from near the foot of the Hill a little North of Capt. Benjamin Houses so crossing the river and along the Westerly Bank of the same to near it till it comes to the present County road by the Grist mill and to have so much of the old road as is likely to be useless discontinued —

10th Voted to Raise one hundred & twenty pounds to build the bridge across the River above Gad Greenleafs Mills. the Inhabitants to have leave to work out their rate provided they doit seasonably or else being duely warned thereto by the Com. miller for building the s.d Bridge — —

11 Voted to Choose a Committee of five to Superintend the building of the above said bridge —

Proceedings of a Meeting Nov.r 20. 1707.

Voted & Chose Capt.n James Carter, Dr.n Benj.a Houghton, James Goodwin, Wm Wilder, Jon.a Wilder a Committee for the above purpose . . . — — — — — — —

Voted that all those persons who shall not have worked out their last rate at the Rock Bridge and at the Bridge near Wm Sprague's before s.d Bridges are done may have leave to work them out at the new Bridge to be built above Gen.l Greenleafs Mills — — — — — — —

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the 3.d Monday in December next at one o'Clock P. M. — Jo. Peter Green Mod.r

Entered p. Samll Ward Townsler —

Lancaster December 17.th 1707

The Free holders & other Inhabitants of said Town being duely warned and legally assembled at the Meeting House voted the following votes viz —

1st Voted that Stephen Wilder & Thos. Gates be added to the Committee on Bridges —

2d Voted that Coll.o John Whiting & Mr.Jon.a Wilder be added to the Committee on Mr.s Tolletters Account

3d Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in March next at 10 Clock P. M. —

Entered p. Jo. Whiting Clerk Peter Green Mod.r

Worcester ss To the Three Holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally Qualified to Vote in Town affairs — Greeting

(L5)

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to meet at the Meeting House in s^d Town on Monday the 3^d day of March next at 12 Clock at noon to act on the following articles.

1st To Choose a Moderator to Govern said Meeting —

2d To Choose Town officers for the year ensuing —

3d To grant Money to defray Town Charges, and for Schooling and to direct the method of disposeing of it — — — —

4th To see what Money the Town will grant for repairing Highways &c and to ascertain the price of labour for men oxen & Utensils.

5th To choose Collectors for the Ministers Sallery —

6th To see if the Town will direct the Treasurer to give security to certain persons to whom the rever^d Mr Harrington is indebted upon his giving a Receipt for the same sum, and allow him Interest from the time his sallery became due. — — —

7th To see if the Town will direct the Committee for repairing the Meeting House to Collect the money the Pews sold for —

8th To see if the Town will choose a Committee to Join with Sterling to defend a Law suit with Boylston respecting Barzillai Holts Family —

9th To see what method the Town will take to pay Mr Richardson, his money Interest

10th To see if the Town will Join with Sterling in building a work House and choose a Committee for that purpose — — —

11. To see what method the Town will come into respecting the Grammer School

12. To see if the Town will choose a Committee to Collect the Axes & Pick axes belonging to the Town — — — — —

13. To see what method the Town will take to repair the County road by the Mill to where the new bridge is to be built — — —

14th To see what the Town will do concerning a Peice of Land which Constable Abel Phelps took a deed of from Zebulun Butler for his Taxes

15. To see if the Town will abate the Rates of Jude Sawyer, Joseph Marsh & Reuben Moor, in Collector Samuel Wilders Rate Bill Also the Rates of Asa Sawyer, Wm Willis, Silas Smith and Jeremiah Hazbell, in Constable Abel Phelps's Rate Bill Also the Rates of Joshua Fairbanks, and Stephen Corey in Constable Willards Rate Bill, Also the Rates of Moses Chase and Robert Cunningham in Constable Tenneys Rate Bill —

Given under my hand & Seal this 18th Feby 1788 —

By Order of the Selectmen

Sam^ll Ward Town Clerk

Warrant for March Meeting 1788 —

Lancaster March 3^d 1788 I have warned the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of said Town to Meet at the time and Place agreable to this Warrant by posting the same 14 Days Attest. Sam^ll Ward Town Clerk —

Entered per me Sam^ll Ward Town Clerk 1788 —

Proceedings of the Annual March Meeting 1788

Lancaster March 3. 1788

The Freeholders & Other Inhabetants of s.d Town being legaly warned & duly apembled at the Meeting house this day Passed the following Votes Viz

1. Voted and Chose Mr. Peter Green Moderator for s.d Meeting.
2. Voted to accept the Prudential Accounts of the Town exhibited by the Select Men for the year 1787.
3. Voted & Chose Capt. Samuel Ward Town Clerk who refused to serve.
4. Voted & Chose Edmund Heard Town Clerk in the room of Capt. Ward
5. Chose James Carter. Messrs. Benj.a Houghton. Mr.h W. Newhall. Josiah Ballard. & Thos. Gates. } Select Men for the year 1788
6. Chose. Peter Green Town Treasurer.
7. Chose. Messrs. Tim.o Whiting Jr.r Moses Sawyer Esqr. & Benj.a Wyman } Assessors.
8. Voted to pass over the 8.th Article in y.e Warrant.
9. Chose James Carter. Messrs. Benj.a Wyman. James Goodwin. Simon Willard. Jos. Rogers. Jn.o Thurston. Isaac Fisher. Step.n Wilder. Henry Wash.burn & Moses Smith } Surveyors of high ways.
10. Chose. Jn.o Ballard. Benj.a Houghton & Rich.d Whiting Jr.r } Fish Reeves.
11. Chose Peter Thurston & Amos Sawyer Field Driers
12. Chose Wm Wilder & Jonas Fairbank Fence Viewers.

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13th Chose Sam Wilder & Wm Phelps Cullers of Staves.

14th Chose Jon.a Whitney & Daniel Goss Do. of Clapboards &c.

15th Chose Moses Sawyer Deer Reeve

16th Chose Jn.a Robbins & Simon Willard Tything men.

17th Chose Jos. Carter Sealer of Leather.

18 Chose Thos Gates Do. of Weights & Measures.

19th Voted to Raise five Hundred Pounds to defray the Town Charges for the present year 1788

20th Voted to School out one Hundred pound of said Money

21st Voted to work out one Hundred & Twenty pound of said Money on the Highways — March 3d 1788

22d Voted to direct the Committe for repairing the Meeting house to collect the Money the Pew ground sold for.

23d Voted That the Treasurer be impowerd to give Security to Certain persons to whoom the Revd Jno Harrington, is indebted on his giving a receipt for the same sum & allow him Interest from the time the money became due.

24th Chose. John Sprague Esqr. / Capt. Sam Ward & / Cyrus Fairbank. } a Committe to join the Town of Sterling in defending a Lawsuit against the Town of Boylston respecting Barzilla Hoit & his family

25th

Voted to raise £120 for to pay the Interest on Mr Richardsons obligation against the Town & the Surplus if any to go towards the Principle of the same

26th Voted & Chose a Committe to lay before the Town a plan for supporting a Grammar School

Committe — John Sprague Esqr. / Joseph Carter. / Josiah Ballard / Col. Jn.a Whiting & / Doc.r Israel Atherton

27th Voted & Chose, Cyrus Fairbank / Jos Carter & / James Wilder } Committe to Join the Town of Sterling to build a work House

March 3d 1788.

20th Voted the Select men take in to their possession the Pick Axes &c. belonging to the Town

29th Voted to pass over the 13th Article in the Warrant

30th Voted { The Select Men give to Abel Phelps an order on the Treas.r to the amount of Ezebelim Butmans Taxes as they stand on his tax bill he giving to Josiah Willard a Deed of the Land he had of said Butman for said Taxes

31st Voted { The Taxes of Jude Sawyer Joseph Mash & Ruben More be abated in Sam.l Wilders Tax Bill

32d Voted { That Abel Phelps have an order on the Town to the amount of the Taxes of Asa Munro Wm Willis Silas Smith & Jeremiah Haskell as they stand on his Tax Bill

33d Voted { That Constable Nath.l Willard have an order to the Amount of the Taxes of Joshua Fairbank and Stephen Corey as they stand on his Tax Bill

Voted to adjourn this Meeting until the 1st Monday of April Next at One Oclock P.M.

34th Chose Jon.a Wilder Grand Jury man for the year ensuing } Peter Green Mod.r

Attest. Edm Heard Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To Nathaniel Willard Constable of the Town of Lancaster In said County Greeting

March 3d 1788

You are hereby required in the name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts to warn the Freeholders & other Inhabitants legally qualified by law to Vote in Town affairs to meet this day at five Oclock P.M. at the meeting house in said Town for the following purpose Viz

Warrant for Meeting

1st To Chuse a Moderator to govern said Meeting

2d To se if the Town will chuse a Committe to defend a Law Suit ag.st the application of the Town of Winchendon respecting the suport & maintainance of the famely of Barzilla Holt & all other affairs respecting Poor between this Town & the Town of Winchendon

Entered P. Edm Heard Town Clerk

Joseph Carter
Jon.a Whitney
Jonas Fairbank
} Select Men

Worcester ss —

(L.S.) March 3d 1788 } By virtue of the fore going Warrant I have warned the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the s.d Town of Lancaster legaly qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at time & place within mentioned

Entered P Com Heard Town Clerk. Nath.l Willard Const.e

Lancaster March 3d 1788

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants legaly qualified to vote in Town affairs being this day assembled passed the following votes viz

First Voted & Chose Peter Green Moder.r

2d Voted To chuse a Committe of Three to defend a law Suit against the Application of the Town of Winchendon respecting the Family of Barzilla Holt and all other affairs respecting Poor between this Town & the Town of Winchendon

3d Chose John Sprague Esqr Capt. Seth Ward & Cyrus Fairbank } Committe for the above purpose

Town Meeting March 3d 1788

This Meeting was then adjourned to the first Monday in April next at one oclock P.M.

Peter Green Moder.r

Entered P Com Heard Town Clerk

(Ls.)

Warrant For April Meeting 1788

Worcester ss.

To the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally qualified to Vote for Governour Lieutenant Governour Senators & Councellors & more qualified to Vote for County Treasurer & Town Affairs. Greeting

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Meet at the Meeting-house in Lancaster on Monday the 7th day of April Next at Twelve o'clock at noon to Act on the following Articles Viz

1st To give in your Votes for Governour Lieut Governour Senators and Councellors agreable to the Constitution

2d To give in your Votes for a County Treasr

3d To Chuse a Moderator to govern your Meeting for Town Affairs

4th To see if the Town will abate the Class Rate of Peter & Thurston and Wm Houghton to Benj.a Houghton he being the Head of said Class

5th To see if the Town will grant any assistance to the Walnut Swamp Squadron towards repairing the Road leading from Bennets bridge so called to Wachepicket Brook

6th To see if the Town will abate to Gardner Phelps the Taxes of John Bigsby David Bennet Moses Chase Levi Page Moses Foster Ephm White & John Putnam

7th To see if the Town will abate to Nath.l Eaton the Taxes of Asa Munro Zebulun Butman Stephen Fuller & Benj.a Priest

8th To see if the Town will abate to Nath.l Willard the Taxes of John Hannars

9th To see if the Town will do any thing respecting the Charge of Doctering Sarah Wheelock

Lancaster March 21st 1788. by Order of the Select Men

Tom Heard Town Clerk

Lancaster April 7th 1788.

I have warned The Freeholders & other Inhabitants to meet at Time and place agreable to this Warrant by posting the same fourteen days

Attest Tom Heard Town Clerk

Lancaster April 7th 1788

The Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of said Town being legally assembled this day the following Votes were Passed Viz

The Votes for Governour Lieut. Governour Senateors & Counsellors being called for & brought in & sorted it appeared the following gentlemen were Voted for Viz

For Governour
- His Excellency John Hancock 68. Votes
- Hon.d Elbridge Geary 1.
- Hon.d Sam.l Adams 1.

For Lieut. Governour
- Hon.d Sam.l Adams 55.
- Hon.d Gen.l Warren 14.
- Hon.d Gen.l Lincoln 6.
- Hon.d Elbridge Geary 2.

Annual April Meeting 1788

Senators

Ezra Houghton Esq.r	3.	John Sprague Esq.r	19.
Tim.o Fuller	2	Tim.o Bigelow Esq.r	24.
Joseph Stone	31.	Seth Washburn Esq.r	9.
Abel Wilder Esq.r	33.	Peter Pennymanley	35.
Sam.l Curtis Esq.r	2	Amos Singletary Esq.r	30.
Tim.o Newell Esq.r	1	Jn.o Taylor Esq.r	8.
Caleb Curtis	1	Jn.o Ferguson Esq.r	37.
		Sam.l Baker Esq.r	22.
		Josiah Whitney Esq.r	33.
		Moses Gill Esq.r	24.
		Sam.l Willard Doct.r	7.
		Jon.a Grout Esq.r	7

Voted & Chose Peter Green Moderator to govern the Meeting for Town Affairs

The Votes for a County Treas.r being called for brought in & counted their appeared

For County Treas.r
- for Timothy Paine Esq.r 54
- for Benjamin Heywood Esq.r 3

2.dly Voted to abate to Nath.l Eaton the Taxes of Asa Munro Zebulun Butman & Step.n Fuller

3.d Voted to refer to the Select Men the 6.th Article in the Warrant

4.th The 5.th Article passed over to the Adjournment

March Meeting opperid by Adjournment

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March. Meeting by Adjournt 1788

Lancaster April 7th 1788

This Meeting opened by adjournment - - - -

The Committe Chosen in Octob.r Last for Settling with the old and New Managers of the Lottery & Bridge Committe laid a Statement of said Accounts before the Town - Viz

1.st The Bridge Committees Account being unfinished it was passed over till May Meeting - - - -

2.d Voted to Accept the Account of the Managers of the 3.d Class of the Lottery as presented & now Stands on the files of the Town

3.d Voted to Accept of the Accounts of the Mangers of the 4.th & 5.th Classes of said Lottery as exhibited and now Stands on the files of the Town

4.th Voted & Chose Col. Haskell on the Committe for Building the Bridge Near Gen.l Greenleafs Mill in the room of Wm Welder

5.th Voted that those persons who stand indebted to the Town on the old Bridge Rate work out the same on the New Bridge on or before Sept.r next or pay the Money.

6.th Chose Nath.l Willard Constable for the year insueing

7.th Chose Jonathan Osgood & Simon Willard - } Hog Reeves

8.th Voted to pass over the 13.th Article in the March Warrant respecting the Bridge Road - - - - - - - -

9.th Voted the article respecting the Grammer School be adjourned over to the 2.d Mondgy in May next at two Oclock P.M

10.th Voted to Adjourn this Meeting & all matters refered as above to the 2.d monday of May Next at two Oclock P.M

- - - - Peter Green Moderat.r

Attest Edm.d Heard Town Clk

Meeting adjourned till May

personally appeared

Sworn into Office

James Carter.
Ben.a Houghton.
Mich.l Newhall.
Josiah Mallard.
Thos Gates.
Peter Green.
Tim.o Whiting.
Simon Willard.

Nath.l Willard
Benj.a Wyman
James Goodwin
Joseph Rogers
Jno Thurston
Isaac Fisher
Steph.n Wilder.
Hon.a Haskell.
Moses Smith.

Jn.o Ballard
Peter Thurston
Jonas Fairbank
Joseph Carter

and were severally Sworn into their respective Offices before me

Edm.d Heard Town Clk

Here followeth an Account of the Prudentials of the Town of Lancaster for the year 1787 with Peter Green Town Treasurer Viz

Prudentials for 1787

Mr. Peter Green Town Treasurer to the Town of Lancaster

Dr

To the Ballance that remained in his and the Collectors hand the last year as appears by the Accounts adjusted in the Town Book including Joseph Nowels Note for £65.. 6..3	£761..7..6
To Cash he is to receive of the Collectors for the year 1787	450
Dr £	1211..7..6

Supra Cr

by Sundry Orders drawn on said Treasurer Viz

In favour of Abel Phelps for a abatement of Taxes that he could not collect	£8..12..1
In favour of Do for Do	1..19..2
Do Nath[l] Willard for Do	2..18..0
Do Cp[t] Wm Divol for Roads	1..7..0
Do Abel Phelps for abatement of Taxes	1..6..4
Do Abner Mitchel for support of a Poor Child	0..10..8
Do Nath[l] Joslin for Poor	10..2
Do Peter Green for Journey to Fitchburg	5..8
Do Hooker Osgood for Schooling	1..5..1
Do Do Do	1..4..0
Do Peter Green Certificate for Jos Nowels Note	55..6..3
Do Jeremiah Ballard for supporting Poor	1..4..0
Do Jonas Fairbank for Do	8..10
Do Jos. White for Schooling	1..16..0
Do Jon[a] Whitney supporting poor	2..7..6
Do James Wilder for Abatement of Taxes	1..11..0
Do Wm Phelps for Do	1..1..0
Do Thos Bennet for Do	1..4..0
Do Wm Willard for Schooling	5..15..6
Do Ruth Farmer for Support of Poor	1..19..0
Do Nath[l] Willard for Cash paid Coalkeyer	2..0..0
Do Wm Willard for Schooling	7..14..0
Do Jos. Carter for Do	9..16..8
Do Cp[t] Wm Carter for Do	13..11..0
Do Sam[l] Thurston for plank	1..11..0
Do Ruth Farmer for Poor	1..19..0
Do Jonas Fairbank for Do	2..0..0
Do Moses Sawyer for Schooling	4..1..8
Do Lucy Priest	1..0..0
Carried over & Continued	£136..4..10

Brought over & Continued £136..4..10

Prudentials For Year 1787

In favour of Lucey Priest for Poor		4..11
Do. Benj.a W. Willard for Do.		10..4
Do. James Goodwin for Schooling		8..0
Do. Wm Locke for abatement of Taxes		3..14..7
Do. Jon.a Whitney for Poor		1..4..0
Do. Lucey Priest for Do.		2..11..2
Do. Jon.a Whitney for Schooling		15..4..0
Do. Jn.o Warner for Do.		1..3..4
Do. Thos Bonnet for poor		2..0..0
Do. Mich.l Newhall Do.		1..10..0
Do. Gard.r Wilder for plank		16..11
Do. Jonas Fairbank for Schooling		6..18..6
Do. Wm Tooker for Do.		1..17..4
Do. Benj.a Houghton for Burying Cloth		12..0
Do. Nath.l Willard mooeing Poor		14..0
Do. Tim.o Whiting Jn.r for Schooling		5..17..9
Do. Hooker Abbot for Do.		1..10..0
Do. Step.n Wilder for Do.		2..7..0
Do. Edw.d Robins Do.		1..9..0
Do. Jn.o Ballard for Buring Cloth		8..0
Do. Dan.l Sterns for Do.		6..0
Do. Jonas Fairbank Bridge plank		3..16..6
Do. Gard. Wilder for Buringecloth		12..0
Do. Lucey Priest for support of Poor		4..3
Do. Joshua Wilder for abatement of Taxes		2..6..8
Do. Benj.a Houghton Convention Lunenburg		7..0
Do. Jonas Wyman for abatement of Taxes		1..1..6
Do. Mich.l Newhall for poor		2..0..0
Do. David Horley Do.		6..0
Do. Ruth Farmer Do.		14..0
Do. Jonas Wyman for Buryingecloth		12..0
Do. Sam.l Allen for poor		12..6
Do. Jos Carter two orders for poor		2 9..0
Do. Israel Atherton for doctoring poor		9..11..9
Do. Moses Smith for attending Convention		7..0
Do. Jon.a Wilder for Buryingecloth		6..0
Do. Levi Wilder for poor		4..0
Do. Tim.o Whiting Jn.r for making Taxes &C		4..10..9
Do. Cyrus Fairbank for Interest money		12..0
Do. Josiah Wilder for Buryingecloth		12..0
Do. Jonas. Abert for abatement of Taxes		3..15..0
Do. Hannah Dunsmore for Schooling		1..12..3
Do. Thos Bennet for poor		7..10..0
Do. Wm Greenleaf for buryingecloth		2..4..0
Do. Father Phillips for Schooling		1..8..0
Do. Lucey Preist for poor		12..6
Do. James Carter Do.		14..0
Caried up & Continued		£236..12..4

Brought up & Continued

		£
In favour of	Nath[l] Beaman for Poor	23 6 12 4
do.	Jonas Fairbank for Burying cloth	1 13 4
do.	Lucey Priest for poor	9 0
do.	Thos Bennet do	1 3 6
do.	Jos. Carter do	13 4
do.	do for Schooling	1 11 0
do.	Thos Bennet for poor	21 11 9
do.	Hooker Osgood for schooling	1 7 0
do.	Daniel Rugg for plank	3 0 0
do.	Lucey Priest for poor	2 6 6
do.	Ruth Farmer do	1 10 6
do.	Hooker Osgood for schooling	1 19 0
do.	Jeremiah Ballard do	1 10 0
do.	Lucey Priest for Poor	17 7
do.	Eph[m] Carter for Burying cloth	6 0
do.	Nath[l] Willard for abatement Taxes	9 0
do.	Ruben Lippenwell for poor	7 7 4
do.	Nath[l] Willard for Citation &C	18 0
do.	James Carter Jn[r] Doct[r] poor	6 8 2
do.	Thos Bennet for poor	3 0 8
do.	Nath[l] for him do	3 12 6
do.	Benj[a] Wyman making Rates	2 4 0
do.	Thos Blake for schooling	2 9 4
do.	Jos Carter for Cash lost by Capt Reding	1 9 0
do.	Ruth Farmer for poor	3 0 8
do.	Ruben Lippenwell do	1 10 4
do.	Jos Farwell do	1 8 11
do.	Thos Bennet do	1 11 5
do.	Nath[l] Willard for abatement Taxes	3 2 0
do.	Jon[a] Wheelock for Poor	9 11 10
do.	Thos Bennet do	1 13 9
do.	Nath[l] Willard for Collecting Taxes	1 15 8
do.	James Goodwin for Schooling	29 8 3
do.	Nath[l] Eaton for abatement off taxes	16 0
do.	Ruth Farmer for poor	1 3 6
do.	Eliz[r] Phelps do	9 0
do.	Tim[o] Whiting for Schooling	6 0
do.	John Whiting for poor	6 6 4
do.	Jon[a] Tenney for abatem[t] Taxes	1 10 0
do.	Ruben Lippenwell for poor	1 1 0
do.	Nat[l] Divol for Road	2 0 0
do.	Jon[a] Tenny for schooling	3 10 0
do.	Rev[d] Tim[o] Harrington Sallery	7 14 0
do.	Lucey Priest for Poor	87 1 1
do.	do do	1 0 2
		1 0 0

Prudential for 1787

Carried over & Continued £ 471 8 9

Brought up & Continued ---- £471..8..9
In favour of Lucey Priest for poor ---- 0..14..0
do -- John Prescott for Timber ---- " 12..8
do -- Lucey Priest for poor ---- 19..6
do -- Hannah Dunsmore for Schooling ---- 1..4..0
do -- Cyrus Fairbank for Interest money ---- 4..0..0
do -- Daniel Albert for poor ---- " 18..6
do -- Mich[d] Newhall -- do ---- 1..10..0
do -- Nath[l] Beaman -- do ---- " 6..8
do -- Mich[d] Newhall -- do ---- 1..6..0
do -- Abisha Phelps -- do ---- " 6..0
do -- Mich[d] Newhall -- do ---- 1..0..0
do -- Ruth Farmer -- do ---- " 13..0
do -- Elisha Bennet -- do ---- " 3..0
do -- Jere. Ballard -- do ---- 2..1..0
do -- Ruth Farmer -- do ---- 2..5..0
do -- Abel Phelps abatement of Taxes ---- " 15..4
do -- Nath[l] Willard for poor ---- 2..10..1
do -- Ruth Farmer -- do ---- " 11..6
do -- Mich[d] Newhall for Burryingcloth ---- " 9..3
do -- do ---- for poor ---- " 10..8
do -- Thos Bennet for do ---- " 3..0
do -- Nath[l] Eaton for abatement of Taxes ---- 4..5..5
do -- Benj[a] Wyman for making Rates ---- 1..2..8
do -- Asa Warner dying burying Cloth ---- " 4..6
do -- Abel Rugg for abatement of Taxes ---- 1..1..1
do -- Jonas Wyman for Schooling ---- 6..18..6
do -- Hannah Dunsmore do ---- 1..12..3
do -- Lucey Priest for poor ---- " 18..6
do -- Mich[d] Newhall do ---- " 19..4
do -- Eph[m] Carter for Making Rates ---- 2..11..6
do -- Latham Phillips for poor ---- " 15..4
do -- Lucey Priest -- do ---- " 3..0
do -- James Carter Dec[d] poor ---- " 19..8
do -- Ruth Farmer for poor ---- 1..12..3
do -- Nath[l] Willard abatement of Taxes ---- 1..13..2
do -- John Campbell for poor ---- " 5..0
do -- Nath[l] Willard collecting Taxes ---- 10..0..0
do -- Lucey Priest for poor ---- 1..4..0
do -- Jonas Wyman for Selectmen &C ---- 6..9..6
do -- Ruben Lippenwell for poor ---- 2..15..10
do -- Jonas Wyman Taking Care of Meting house ---- 3..9..5
do -- Ruth Farmer for Poor ---- 1..1..0
do -- Jon[a] Tenney abatement of Taxes ---- 4..3..3

Carried up Sum Total ---- £548..7..0

Prudential affairs of the Town for 1787

Sum Total of Crdt. brought up being the full amount of orders ... £548..7..0

Prudentials of The Town

Dr Brought forward ... £1211..7..6

Deduct Crdt brought down ... £548..7..0

Remains due in the Treasurers and Collectors hands a Ballance of £ 663..0..6

In the Collectors hands £556..16..7
in Prescotts hands ... 39..9..0
in Thurneys hands ... 31..1..9
due on Adams's Rate ... 23..14..7
due from Gardner Phelps ... 5..19..3
In the Treasurers hands ... 5..19..4

Ballance due ... £ 663..0..6

March 1st 1788

Joseph Carter, Jonas Fairbank, Jon.a Whitney, Select men of Lancaster — Entered and Examined

Edm.d Heard Town Clerk

Lancaster May 12th 1788

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said town being legally Assembled by Adjournment from April 7th to this day proceeded the following Votes Viz

March Meeting by Adjournment from April 7th 1788

1st Voted to pass over the Article respecting the Road from Greenleafs mile to the new Bridge

2d Voted to Accept the report of the Committee for planning the grammer School agreable to an article in the Warrant for March Meeting. which is as followeth Viz

Proposals for a Grammer Town School

Grammer School Plan

On condition the Town will Vote to any Squadron in Town Twelve Pounds to support a Grammer School for the space of one year and also Vote that the subscribers may be a Squadron in Town and draw their own Money as other Squadrons do — the Subscribers do ingage to become a Squadron agreable to such Vote and to support such School for that Term on the following plan —

1st Writing Arithmetick Grammar & other Arts beneficial to the rising Generation shall be taught in said School

2d No scholar shall be admitted into said School who cannot read the Psalter well without Spelling

3d The School shall be Quarterly visited and inspected by a Committe of five persons whereof the Minister of the Town for the time being Shall be Chairman two of the Town Shall be chosen by the Town and two by the Squadron

(continued)

4th The Town may at any time Vote Minors into the School where Parents are unable to educate them there paying their proportion for each Schoolar so Voted in & by a Committe Vote in School affairs on equal principles with Subscribers and be considered as part of the Squadron while they have one or more Schoolars in the School

Plan for a Grammar School

5th And whereas the Money which the said Squadron may draw as their Proportion of the School money granted by the Town may not be sufficiant to defray the charges of the School and the remainder must be otherways raised It is therefore provided that any person may send one Schoolar paying their proportion of the Money so otherways raised and to be averaged by the Number of Schoolars in said School such Schoolar being entered for one Year at least & no Person not being of the Squadron shall send more than one when the number of Schoolars shall amount to Thirty

6th The Squadron shall have the Sole direction of the Affairs of the School so far as is Consistant with the foregoing Plan

Subscribers for the School

John Sprague
Wm Greenleaf
Wm Locke
John Ballard
Mich'l Newhall
Jonas Wyman
Nath'l Willard.

Edm'd Heard
Moses Smith
Josiah Wilder
Sam'l Ward
Israel Atherton
Peter Thompson

March Meeting Adjourned

The Town Voted the above mentioned Twelve pounds for the use of the above said School for the term of one Year—

Then voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the 29th day of May at 4 O'Clock in the afternoon. to hear the report of the Bridge Committe

Peter Green Moderator

Entered P Edm'd Heard Town Clerk

(Lef)

Worcester Ss.

. . . . To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally qualified to Vote in Town affairs . . . . . Greeting

In your are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Meet at the Meeting house in Lancaster on Monday the Twelfth day of May next at one oclock in the afternoon to Act on the following Articles Viz

Warrant. For May Meting 1788

1st. To bring in your Votes for a person to represent you in the Great and General Court the Year ensuing

2d. To chuse a Moderator to govern your meeting for Town affairs

3d. To see if the Town will make any provision for drink for those persons to be imployed in raising the Bridge near Genl Greenleafs Mill

4th. To see if the Town will allow the intermission between the fore noon & Afternoon service on Sunday be one hour and a half the year round

5th. To see if the Town will abate to Isaac Cuelth his Beef Tax on his Pole for the Year 1788.

6th. To see if the Town will impower the Committe for the repairs of the Meting house to Appropriate one half of the Money the Pew ground in the front galery will Sell for towards building a Porch in front of the Meeting-house

. . . . . Given under my hand and Seal this 21st day of April 1788.

by order of the Selectmen

Edm Heard Town Cler

Lancaster May 12th 1788

I have caused the Inhabitants of said Town to be legally warned by Posting the Above said warrant according to Law 14 days before said Meeting

. . . . . Attest

Edm Heard T. Cler

May Meeting 1788

Lancaster May 12th 1788

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said Town being Legally assembled this day passed the following Votes Viz.

1st. Voted. and Chose Michael Newhall to Represent this Town in the General Court the Year insuing

2d. Chose Peter Green Moderator

3d. Voted. that the Committe for building the Bridge near Genl. Greenleafs Mill be impowered to provide drink for said purpose at their discretion

4th. Voted. to pass over the fourth Article in the Warrant

5th. Voted. To abate to Isaac Evelith his Beef Tax on his Pole for the Year 1780

6th. Voted. To impower the Committe for repairing the Meeting-house to appropriate one half the Money that the Pew ground in the Front Gallery will sell for towrds building a Porch in Front of the Meeting-house

7th. Voted to Dissolve this Meeting

Peter Green Moderator

Entered & examined Edm. Hearsey T. Clerk

Warrant for A Meeting May 1788

(L.S.) Worcester ss.

To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally qualified to Vote in Town affairs Greeting

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to meet at the Meeting House in said Town on Thursday the 29th day of May Instant at three oclock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles - - - Viz.

1st. To Chuse a Moderator to govern said Meeting.

2d. To see if the Town will petition the General Court for an explanatory Act explanatory of a late Act respecting the devision Act between this Town and the Town of Sterling

3d. To see if the Town will impower the Selectmen to settle the Account of Docr James Carter respecting the charge of Docting Sarah Wheelock or Act or Transact any thing relating thereto

Lancaster May 15th 1788 by order of the Select men, Edm. Hearsey Clerk

Lancaster May 29th — I have warned The Inhabitants to Meet at time and place agreable to the foregoing Warrant by Posting up the same 14 Days previous to this date — Pr Edm Heard Town Clerk

Lancaster May 29th 1788.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town being this day legally assembled passed the following Voter Viz

Meeting 29th May 1788

Voted and chose Peter Green Moderator to govern s.d Meeting

2d Voted to chuse a Committe of three persons to present to the General Court of this Commonwealth a petition for an Act to explain a certain paragraph in a late Act of the General Court respecting the Devision of the Poor between this Town and the Town of Sterling

3d Voted and Chose John Sprague Esqr
Capt Samuel Ward } Committe
Cyrus Fairbank

4th Voted the above Committe be impowered to draft and present the above said petition

5th Voted to dismiss the artiele in the Warrant respecting the doctoring Sarah Wheelock

6th Voted to disolve this Meeting.

Peter Green Moderator.

Entered & compaired Pr Edm Heard Town Clk

Lancaster May 29th 1788

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town being legally assembled this day by adjournment proceeded as followeth

March Meeting Adjournment

The Committee for setting with the old Bridge committe and the Managers of the Lottery presented their Accounts as Stated be low Viz

Lancaster in Acct Current with the Bridge Committe

		£	s	d
Dr To building Dea Atherton's Bridge		156	15	6½
To do Mr Sprague's do		296	2	6
To do Mr White's		54	4	11
To Repairing Causway Lawyer Abels		13	4	11
To a Town Note signed Treasurer Green		24	2	0
To Rates not Collected		187	4	11
Ballance due to the Town		67	9	1½
		799	3	11
Dr Caried forward				

Acct Currant
Continued

D^r — Brought forward from the other Side £799.3.11

Cr^t By the nett proceeds of 2^d Class of the Lottery ..... £73..14..3
By d^o 3^d Class ..... 113..15..0
By a Tax 1784 ..... 461..2..0
By Nett proceeds 4th Class ... 62..7..8
By d^o 5th Class ..... 88..5..0
£799..3..11

Bridge Committee Acct
May 29th 1788

N.B. £20..18..11 appears due from the old managers and ..46..10..9½ appears due from the new managers
Total £67..9..1½

{John M^dnard, Cyrus Fairbank, Moses Sawyer} Committee

2^d Voted & Accepted of the above Acct as presented

3^d Voted that the old Bridge Tax not worked out be taken from the old Committee & put into the hand of Capt James Carter one of the New Bridge Committee said Tax not worked out amounts to one Hundred Eighty seven pounds four shillings and Eleven pence

4th Voted and Chose Tim^o Whiting Jn^r and Jon^a Wilder as two of the Committee for Visiting the Grammer School agreable to the plan presented at March Meeting

Ajournment

5 Voted to dissolve this Meeting

Peter Green Moderator

Attest Tom^s Heard Town Cler

(28) Worcester ss

Warrant for Meeting Sept. 1788.

To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally qualified to Vote in Town affairs Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to meet at the Meeting house in Lancaster on Monday the Twenty second day of Sept. Instant at Twelve o'Clock at Noon to Act on the following Articles Viz

1st. First to Chuse a Moderator for the Government of said Meeting

2d. To see if the Town will allow to Doct. James Carter the sum of Four Pound Ten shillings for Doctoring Sarah Wheelock

3dly. To see if the Town will chuse a Committe to inspect the the Town & Parrish Books to see how the Money Apropriated to discharge the Revd. Timothy Harrington's Sallery hath been appropriated since the Year 1772. as also to examine the afor said Books to see if there are any delinquent debtors who have received Money of the Town & stand not accounted to them for the same

4thly. To see if the Town will renew the bounds of the burying yard, Clear of the brush & incumbrances and fence the Same

5thly. To see if the Town will provide for building a Pound and say where the same shall be set.

6thly. To see if the Town will make sale of the Ponicaw Road. leading to the Mills or Act or Transact any thing relative thereto

7thly. To see if the Town will abate to Constable Willard the Taxes of Saml. Adams. Saml. Fuller. Ruben Moore. Jerh. Marsh Benja. Priest Moses Dickerson. David Baldwin. Jones Marsh. also the Poll Tax of Daniel G. Brown & Stephn. Pratt. for the Ministers Sallery

8thly. To see if the Town will abate to Constable Tenney the Taxes of Saml. Adams. Benja. Gould. Benja. Priest and Epm. White

Lancaster Sept. 6th. 1788.

by order of the Selectmen

Edm. Hall d. Town Clerk

Sept. 22d. 1788. I have warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants to meet at time and places mentioned in the Above Warrant by posting the same 14 days previous to the date

Edm. Hall d. Town Clerk

Proceedings of a Meeting Sept. 22d 1788.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally warned and held at the Meetinghouse on Monday the 22d day of Sept. AD. 1788 at Twelve o'Clock at Noon.

1st Voted & chose Mr Peter Green Moderator for the government of said Meeting.

2d Voted to dismiss the Second article in the warrant

3d Voted to chuse a Committee of three persons agreable to the 3d article in the warrant the Committe chosen are

Capt. John Manard
Capth. Whiting } Jr. &
Deacon Cyrus Fairbank

4th On the 4th Article Voted to renew the bounds of the burying yard clear of the brush and incumbrances & not Fence them

5th Voted to dismiss the Fifth Article

6th Voted the Selectmen be a Committe to make sale of the road called quasapomican Road leeding to and Gen. Greenleafs Mills

7th Voted that the abatement of the Taxes of all persons enumerated in the Seventh article be submitted to the selectmen

8th Voted to submit the abatement of the Taxes of all persons mentioned in the 8th Article to the Selectmen.

9th Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the First Monday in March next two o'Clock P.M.

Peter Green Moderator

Entered P Edm. Hearsey Town Clerk.

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Warrant for Meeting Nov. 1788

Worcester ss.

To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally qualified to Vote in Town affairs

Greeting.

You are required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Meet at the Meetinghouse in said Lancaster on Wednesday the Tenth day of December Next at one Oclock in the afternoon to Act on the following articles Viz

1st. First to chuse a Moderator for the Government of said Meeting

2dly To see if the Town will chuse a Committee to defend a process Commenced against s.d Town by James Carter Jn.r Physician, for Doctoring Sarah Wheelock, and others or Act or Transact any thing relative thereto

Lancaster Novem.r 24.th 1788.

by order of the Select men.

Edm Heard Town Clk

I have warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants by posting this Warrant 14 Days previous to this date

Lancaster Dec.r 10.th 1788

Edm Heard Town Clk

Lancaster Dec.r 10.th 1788.

Meeting Dec.r 10.th 1788

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town being met this day legally assembled at the Meetinghouse passed the following Votes Viz

1st Chose Capt. Timothy Whiting Senior Moderator for the government of said Meeting.

On the 2d. Article Voted to chuse a Committee of three persons to defend a Process comenced against said Town by James Carter Jn.r Physitian for Doctoring Sarah Wheelock and others

Voted & Chose John Sprague Esqr. Capt. Samuel Ward and Capt. Timothy Whiting Jn.r Committee

Voted to Adjourn the Meeting to Thursday the Eighteenth day of this Instant Decem.r at Three Oclock in the afternoon

Tim.o Whiting Moderator

Attest Edm Heard Town Clk

(L.S.)

Warrant for Meeting Decr 18th 1788.

Worcester ss.

To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally qualified to Vote for a Representative to the General Court of this Commonwealth as also those qualified to Vote in Town Affairs Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to Meet at the Meetinghouse in said Lancaster on Thursday the Eighteenth day of December Instant at one o'clock P.M. on said day to Give in your Votes for a person to Represent the Destrict of the County of Worcester in Congress of the United States — as Also to give in your Votes for two persons as Candidates for an Elector of President and Vice President of the United States

2d To chuse a Moderator for the government of your meeting for Town Affairs.

3d To see if the Town will chuse a Committee to support a petition lately sent to the General Court respecting the Devision of the Poor between this Town & the Town of Sterling or Act or Transact any thing relating thereto

Lancaster Decemr 1st 1788.

by Order of the Select Men

Edm.d Heard Town Clerk

I have warned the Inhabitants as above directed by posting this Warrant 14 Days. Edm.d Heard

Decr 18th 1788

Proceedings at a Meeting held Decr 18th 1788 for the choice of a Representative &c.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster this day legally assembled at the Meetinghouse proceeded as follows Viz

1st — The Voters being called for bringing in Votes for a person to Represent the Destrict of the County of Worcester in the Congress of the United States appeared the following Gentlemen were Voted for as followeth

Fedral Representatives { The Hon.d Moses Gill Esq.r 11 Votes
The Hon.d Timothy Paine Esq.r 41 Votes
Total — 52.

no choice.

2d . . . . . Continued

Meeting Continued

2.dly The Votes for Candidates for an Elector of President and Vice President of the United States being called for brought in Sorted & Counted it appeared the following Gentlemen were Voted for as Candidates. Viz —

Candidates for Electors

For John Sprague Esqr. 31. Votes
Majr. Genl. Warner 19.
Henry Broomfield Esqr 10.
Hond. Tim°. Paine Esqr 2
Totals — 62.

3.dly Voted & chose Capt. Timothy Whiting Tim°. Moderator for Town Affairs —

Town Affairs Decr. 18th 1788.

4.thly Voted & chose John Sprague Esqr. Committe to support a petition Lately sent to the General Court respecting the division of the Poor between the Towns of Lancaster & Sterling —

5.th Voted Mr. Michael Newhall be impowerd to procure some able help for the above purpose in case Mr. Sprague should not attend —

Tim°. Whiting Moderat
Entered & examined —

Selectmen
James Carter
Josiah Ballard
Mich°. Newhall
Thos. Gates
Benj°. Houghton

Attest.
Lancaster Decr. 18th 1788. Tom Heard Town Clerk.

Adjournment from Decr. 10th

The Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster being this day assembled by adjournment from Decr. 10th passed the following Votes Viz —

Voted to continue the Committe chosen the 10th Instant on the affair of James Carter Physitian

2d Voted to Dissolve this Meeting.

Tim°. Whiting Moderator

Attest Tom Heard Town Clerk

Lancaster Decr. 18. 1788.

Warrant for Meeting Jany 29. 1789 Fed^{l} Represent^{e}

no Choice before

(L. S.)

Worcester ss.

To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster duly qualified to Vote for Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth

Greeting

You are required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to meet at the Meeting house in s^{d} Town on Thursday the Twenty ninth day of Jany Current at two O'Clock in the afternoon to give in your Votes for a Representative to Represent the District of Worcester in the Congress of the United States of America

By order of the Select Men

Lancaster Jany 13th 1789

Edm^{d} Heard Town Clerk

Lancaster Jany 29 I have warned the freeholders & others of the Inhabitants of s^{d} Town to meet at time & place above mentioned by posting this Warrant 15 days previous to this date

Edm^{d} Heard Town Cler

Proceedings of Meeting Jany 29

At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster duly qualified to Vote for a Representative to the Congress of the United States for the District of Worcester the Votes being called for brought in & sorted there appeared for the

no choice

Hon^{d} Timothy Paine.	48 Votes
Hon^{d} Artimus Ward.	5.
Jon^{a} Grout Esqr	7.
Total	60.

James Carter.
Thos Gates.
Josiah Ballard.
Benj^{a} Houghton.

Select men

Edm^{d} Heard Town Cler

Lancaster Jany 29th 1789.

(21) Worcester ss.

Warrant for March Meeting 1789

To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally qualified to Vote in Town affairs - Greeting

You are required in the Name of the Common-wealth of Massachusetts to meet at the Meeting house in said Town on Monday the second day of March next at Five o'clock at Noon to Act on the following Articles Viz

First to Chuse a Moderator for the Government of your Meeting.

2d. To Chuse Town Officers for the year ensueing.

3d. To see what sum of Money the Town will raise to defray the Charges of said Town the Currant Year. & how the same shall be appropriated

4th. To see if the Town will dismiss the old Bridge Committe and Chuse a new one or Act or Transact any thing relative thereto

5th. To see what method the Town will take for keeping the Grammer School the Currant Year.

6th. To see if the Town will rebuild the Bridge heretofore called Sawyers Bridge where or near where the old Bridge formerly Stood.

7th. To bring in your Votes for a Representative to represent the District of Worcester in the Congress of the United States of America there being no choise before.

Article for Fedral Representative

Lancaster Feb.y 10.th 1789.

By order of the Selectmen

Edm.d Heard Town Clerk

Lancaster March 2.d 1789 I have warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants to meet at time & place above mentioned by posting this Warrant 14 days previous to this date

E. Heard Town Clerk

March Meeting
2d day 1789

Lancaster March 2d 1789

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town being this day legally assembled passed the following Votes Viz

1st. Voted & chose Peter Green Moderator.

2d. Voted to pass over the prudential Accounts till the adjournment.

3d. Voted & chose Edmund Heard Town Clerk.

4th. Voted & Chose Peter Green Town Treasurer.

5th. Voted & Chose Timo. Whiting Jnr. / Jno. Manard / Daniel Sterns — Select Men

6th. Voted & chose Jno. Whiting / Josiah Bowers / Benj.a W. Willard — Assessors

7th. Chose. James Carter. / Benj.a Wyman. / Jno. Robbins. / Jos. Carter, / Jon.a Jenny. — Jonas Fairbank / Timo. Whiting Jnr. / Step.n Wilder / Benj.a W. Willard / Moses. Smith. — Surveyors of Highways

8th. Chose. Timo. Whiting Jnr. / Jno. Ballard / Benj.a Houghton. — Fish Reeves

9th. Chose Peter Thurston & Amos Sawyer — Field Drivers

10th. Chose. Wm. Phelps. & Jonas Fairbank. — Fence Viewers

11th. Chose. Saml. Wilder & Wm. Phelps. — Cullers of Staves

12th. Chose. Jon.a Whitney & Dan.l Goss. — Cullers of Clapboards &c

13th. Chose. Moses Sawyer — Deer Reeve

14th. Chose. Daniel Goss. Josh.a Fletcher. — Tything Men

15th. Chose. Jon.a Osgood. — Beef Packer.

16 Chose. Jos. Carter. — Sealer of Leather.

17th. Chose. Thos. Gates. — Sealer of Weights &c

Continued

Meeting Contd

18th Voted. To pass over the 3d Article

19th Voted. To dismiss the old Bridge Committe & pass over the remainder of the Article

20th Voted - To pass over the Article of the Grammer School.

21st Voted. To pass over the Article of Sawyers Bridge

22d Voted - the Select Men hire a Collector.

Voted To Adjourn this Meting till the 1st Monday in April at 3 Clock PM

Peter Green Moderator

Attest.

Edm Heard Town Clerk

Lancaster March 2d 1789

Fedral Represen.

The Free holders & other Inhabitants of said Town being legally assembled the Votes for a Fedral Represantative being called for brought in counted & Sorted there appeard for the

Fedral Represen.

Hon.d	Tim.o Paine	53 Votes.
Hon.d	Artim.s Ward	9 do
Hon.d	Jon.a Grout.	19 do
	Total	81

John Manard
Tim.o Whiting Jn.r
Daniel Stons
} Select Men

Attest.

Edm Heard Town Cler

Warrant for Annual Aprile Meeting 1789

(L.S.) Worcester ss.

To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally qualified to Vote for a Governour Lt. Governour Councellors & Senators. and those qualified to Vote in Town affairs Greeting

You are required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Meet at the Meetinghouse in Lancaster on Monday the Sixth day of April Next at one oClock P.M. to Act on the following Artilles Viz

1. To give in your Votes for a Governour. Lieut. Governour Councellors & Senators agreable to the Constetution
2. To Chuse a Moderator to govern your Meeting for Town affairs
3. To give in your Votes for a County Treas.
4. To see if the Town will adopt any method for collecting the arrears of Taxes remaining due on Constables Rates Tax bill or act or Transact any thing relating thereto
5. To see if the Town will chuse a Committe to Examine the Roof of the Meetinghouse & repair it if need be or act or transact any thing relating to the same
6. To see if the Town will adopt any method for collecting the Taxes remaining due on Nath. Haskells Taxbill or Act any thing relating to the same

Lancaster March 16th 1789.

by order of the Select Men
Com. Heard Town Clk

7. P.S. To see if the Town will allow Doct. James Carter Seven pound four Shillings for Doctoring Sarrah Wheelock & Joshua Thurlo

This article inserted by two of the Towns Comm. & Town Treasurer March 23d 1789 C. Heard

Worcester ss. April 6th 1789

I have warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town agreable to the above Warrant by posting the same fourteen days previous to this Date

Com. Heard Town Clerk

April Meeting 1789

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster on Monday the Sixth day of April 1789 held at the Meeting house in said Town the Votes for a Governour being brought in counted & sorted were as follows whole number of Votes 64. Viz

For his ---
- Excelency John Hancock Esq. 47.
- James. Bowdoin Esq. -- 15.
- William Cushing Esq. 2.

2. Votes for Lieut. Governour being sorted & counted were as follows Viz

For the
- Hon.d Benj.a Lincoln 58.
- Sam.l Adams Esq.r 16
- Total 74

3. Votes for Senators & Councellors were as follows Viz

Jn.o Fesenden	23.	Sam.l Baker	43.
Amos Singletary	11.	Moses Gill	42.
Sam.l Curtis	5.	Abel Wilder	45.
Andrew Peters	2.	Tim.o Newhall	17.
Martin Kinsley	5.	Benj.a Heywood	22.
Peter Pennyman	6.	Artem.s Ward	13.
Joseph Stone	41.	Tim.o Paine	26.

and Seth Washbourn Esq.r 5.

Lancaster April 6.th 1789
- Daniel Sterns
- Jn.o Manard
- Tim.o Whiting Jn.r

Select Men Lancaster

Attest. Edm.d Heard Town Clr.

Town affairs April 6 1789.

On the 2.d Article in the Warrant. Voted & chose.
Peter Green Moderator

on the 3.d Article Votes for County. Senators were as follows Viz

For
- M.r Samuel Allen 59.
- M.r Nathan Perry -- 3.
- Tim.o Paine Esq.r -- 1

the Meeting adjourned half an hour see next page

Continued

April Meeting Continued — Voted & Chose Nathaniel Willard collector on Sam.d Adams's arrears of Taxes — — —

Voted & chose Jon.a Whitney. Eli Sterns. & James Goodwin Committe to examine the Roof of the Meetinghouse agreable to the 5.th Artile & Make report at the May meeting —

Voted to pass over the artiele respecting Haskells Taxbill untill May meeting.

Voted. To dismiss the 7.th Artiele as Ilegal —

Voted. To adjourn this meeting till the Annual May Meeting

Peter Green Moderator

Attest. Edm.d Heard Town Clr

March Meeting Adjourned 1789

April 6. 1789

— — — Voted & chose Nathaniel Willard Constable for the Currant year —

Voted. & Accepted of the Prudential Accounts of the Town as Stated by the former Select men —

Voted. to re. build the Bridge former ly called Sawyers Bridge agreable to the 6.th Artiele in the Warrant —

Voted. to raise Sixhundred & Twenty pounds to defray the charges of the Town the current year & to be appropriated as follows Viz — — — £120.. 0.. 0

1.. — — To be worked out on the high ways — —

2.d — — For the Schools in Town — — — £100.. 0.. 0

3 — — For Ministers Sallery & other Expences £400

— — — — — — — — £ 620.. 0.. 0

Money Raised for 1789 —

Voted. the price of Labour on the highways be as last Stated by the Town.

Voted. To pass over the Artiele respecting Grammar School

Voted To pass over the artiele on the Bridge Committe —

Voted. To adjourn this Meeting till the Annual May Meeting ~~Town~~ Clock afternoon —

Attest Edm.d Heard Town Clerk

Assessments for 1788

A Line — A statement of the several assessments made on the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster for the year 1788. as follows Viz —

1st ---------- Ministers Tax committed with a Warrant agreeable to Law to Mr Nath. Willard to collect ---- £ 83 .. 10 .. 0

2d --- { The Richardson Tax so called committed to do with a Warrant to Collect agreably to Law — 120

3d --- { Town Tax committed to said Willard with a Warrant agreably to Law ---- 296 .. 10 .

4th { Highway Tax committed agreeably to a Vote of the Town ... } ---------- 120 ..

£ 500 .. 0 .. 0

Total of Money Raised A.D. 1788 £ 620 .. 0 .. 0

Amount of Monies apportioned to School Squadrons including the Grammer School } £ 112 —

Assessors of Lancaster } Moses Sawyer. Timo Whiting Jnr. Benja Wyeth.

The articles on which the Revd Timo Harringtons Sallary were Stated as sold in the Months of Novemr & Decemr 1788

Rye a. 28/	old Tenor	£	140 .. 0 .. 0
Ind. Corn 21/	do		157 .. 10 .. 0
Beef a. 1/4	do		160 .. 0 .. 0
Pork a. 1/6¾	do		95 .. 15 .. 0
old Tenor		£	553 .. 5 .. 0

Statement of Ministers Sallery

In Law full Money ---- £ 73 .. 15 .. 4

Entered & Compaired.

attest —

Assessors of Lancaster { Moses Sawyer. Timo Whiting Jnr. Benja Wyeth.

Lam Heard.

Town Clerk

Prudential Act. for the year 1788.

Lancaster Feb. 28th 1789

Here followeth an Account of the prudentials of the Town of Lancaster with Peter Green Treasurer of said Town for the year 1788

Dr Peter Green Town Treasurer to the Ballance that remained in his hands the last year as appears by the records of the Act. adjusted in the Town Book amounting to the Sum of . . . . . £ 663.. 0.. 6

Do . . . . To Cash Recived of the Collector . . . . 500.—

Footing . . . . £ 1163.. 0.. 6

Supra Cr

By sundry Orders drawn on said Treasurer by the Select Men of said Town

Town Orders.

In favour of Saml. Johnson for Plank &c.	£ 1.. 11.. 0	
Do . . Jno. Wright for poor	1.. 5.. 0	
Do . . Manas.h Wilder for abatement of Taxes	0.. 8.. 7¾	
Do . . Gardner Phelps for do	0.. 12.. 11	
Do . . Jonas Wyman for entertain.g Select men . . .	2.. 12.. 4	
Do . . Mich.l Newhall for Schooling	1.. 10.. 0	
Do . . Lucy Priest for Poor	0.. 9.. 3	
Do . . Joh.a Fenny for abatem.ts of Taxes	2.. 2.. 0	
Do . . Nath.l Farlin for poor	0.. 11.. 0	
Do . . Lucy Priest for Do	0.. 19.. 0	
Do . . Moses Smith for burying cloth	0.. 9.. 3	
Do . . Lucy Priest for poor	0.. 3.. 0	
Do . . Nath.l Farlin for Do	1.. 5.. 0	
Do . . Sam.l Wilder for Schooling	0.. 19.. 0	
Do . . Joshua Phelps for Abatement Taxes . . .	0.. 12.. 6	
Do . . Thos. Bennet for poor	0.. 11.. 0	
Do . . Jos. Carter for burying cloth	0.. 9.. 3	
Do . . Jno. Ballard abatement Taxes	0.. 4.. 7	
Do . . Hannah Dinsmore for Schooling . . .	0.. 12.. 0	
Do . . Mr. Sam.l Mead for Do	1.. 12.. 0	
		18.. 6.. 8¾
Do . . . Sam.l Mead for Schooling	2.. 0.. 0	
Do . . . Josiah Wilder for do Scoring	3.. 9.. 10	
Do . . . Tim.o & Jno. Whiting for Support of govern.t	0.. 19.. 3	
Do . . . Lucy Priest for poor	0.. 12.. 0	
Do . . . Do . . . for Do	1.. 1.. 0	
Do . . . Benj.a Wyman for Schooling	0.. 12.. 0	
Do . . . Thomas Bennet for poor	0.. 11.. 3	
Do . . . Jonas Lane	9.. 10.. 5	
		9.. 15.. 11

Footing Carried forward & Continued — £ 28.. 2.. 7¾

Foot — Brought Forward & Continued — £ 28.. 2.. 7¾

Jon.ª Jenny for abatement of Taxes	£ 2.. 3.. 2	
Gardner Wilder for Bridge plank	1.. 4.. 0	
Thos Bennet for poor	1.. 18.. 0	
Moses Sawyer for Schooling	4.. 1.. 8	
Nath.ª Willard for powder	1.. 8.. 0	
Wm Locke for entertaining Select men	1.. 17.. 0	
Hannah Dimsmore for Schooling	1.. 8.. 0	
Moses Smith for Bridge plank	0.. 9.. 0	
Jn.º Warner for Schooling	2.. 8.. 0	
Nath.ª Jerlin for poor	2.. 8.. 6	
Jonas Wyman for Bridge Committee 1788	2.. 13.. 4	
Jonas Fairbank for Interest money	8.. 15.. 9	
Cyrus Do for Interest money for Potter Heirs	2.. 7.. 7	
Daniel Cass for Bridge plank	1.. 10.. 0	
Luther Sawyer for poor	1.. 5.. 7	
Step.ª Wilder for Schooling	2.. 8.. 11	
Jn.º Sergant for Bridge Timber	0.. 6.. 0	
Nath.ª Willard for Taxes abated	4.. 19.. 2½	
		43.. 11.. 8½

Foot — £ 71.. 12.. 4½

Jon.ª Wilder for Bridge Timber	4.. 11.. 4	
Nath.ª Willard for abatement Taxes	2.. 2.. 6	
Jacob Sweeser Burying cloth	0.. 6.. 0	
Wm Tittemore Willard for poor	2.. 12.. 8	
Ruth.ª Jonson	0.. 6.. 0	
James Carter for Bridge work	0.. 12.. 0	
Tim.º Whiting for Schooling	6.. 6.. 4	
Edm.ª Heard for Bridge work	2.. 13.. 0	
Henry Haskell for School boarding	0.. 12.. 0	
James Carter for Journey to Attleboro &c	2.. 1.. 0	
Ruben Lipenwell for poor	4.. 17.. 6	
Mary Holt for Nursing Mrs Greenough	1.. 10.. 0	
Edm.ª Heard for burying cloth &c	0.. 6.. 0	
Nath.ª Willard Bridge work & Timber	5.. 6.. 9	
Jacob Sweetser for Schooling	5.. 11.. 0	
Dinah Holt for Nursing Mrs Greenough	1.. 10.. 0	
		41.. 4.. 1

£ 112.. 18.. 5½

Jonas Lains	2.. 9.. 4	
Nath.ª Willard for money paid for the Town	26.. 1.. 2	
Thos Bennet for poor	0.. 18.. 7	
Lucy Brist Do	0.. 8.. 0	
Lot Waldo for Schooling	1.. 4.. 0	
Nath.ª Jerlin for poor	0.. 16.. 6	
Thos Bennet for Do	0.. 17.. 8	
Ruth Farmer Do	1.. 19.. 0	
Sam.ª Wilder for abatement of Taxes	0.. 6.. 2	
Ep.ª Carter Making rate	3.. 0.. 0	
Moses Sawyer Do	2.. 8.. 0	
Moses Smith Schooling for 1787	1.. 0.. 0	
Nath.ª Jerlin for poor	1.. 2.. 0	
Jonas Fairbank for Schooling	1.. 7.. 0	
Joseph Fenwell poor	1.. 16.. 0	
Nath.ª Jerlin for poor	1.. 8.. 0	
		46.. 13.. 5.

Carried forward & Contd — £ 159.. 11.. 10½.

Acct of Orders Continued

	Brought forward & continued		£ 159.. 11.. 10½
Do	in favour of Saml Ward for buying cloth	0.. 12.. 0	
Do	Thos Bennet for poor	1.. 0.. 0	
Do	James Goodwin Schooling	1.. 8.. 0	
Do	Wm Tooker Do	1.. 9.. 0	
Do	Wm Wilder for Abatement of Taxes	0.. 11.. 6	
Do	Lucy Priest for poor	1.. 0.. 0	
Do	Thos Bennet Do	0.. 6.. 0	
Do	Thos Gates Taxes paid Shrewsbury	0.. 9.. 5	
Do	Nath Eaton Taxes abated	10.. 15.. 0	
Do	Ephm Dwol Bridge plank	0.. 6.. 0	
Do	Thos Bennet for poor	3.. 0.. 0	
Do	Jos Carter Do	3.. 6.. 6	
Do	Jos Farwell Do	1.. 10.. 0	
Do	Lucy Priest Do	0.. 12.. 0	
Do	Nathl Willard cash paid	0.. 7.. 6	
Do	Lucy Priest for poor	0.. 6.. 0	
Do	Nath Willard paid Jos Farmer	20.. 8.. 0	
Do	Gard Phelps abated Taxes	0.. 4.. 0	47.. 11.. 6
	foot	£	207.. 3.. 4½
Do	Isaac Lovelith for Beef Tax	0.. 8.. 0	
Do	Lucy Priest for poor	0.. 12.. 0	
Do	Gard Earle mending buying cloth	0.. 4.. 0	
Do	Edm Heard Bridge work	0.. 6.. 0	
Do	Jonas Fairbank for Schooling	1.. 0.. 0	
Do	Josiah Wilder Do	5.. 3.. 6	
Do	Polly Holt nursing Mrs Greenough	1.. 0.. 0	
Do	Selah Mead for Schooling	0.. 12.. 0	
Do	John Sprague for burying cloth	0.. 12.. 0	
Do	Saml Ward for use of his Plow	0.. 13.. 2	
Do	Jona Whitney for Schooling	16.. 19.. 6	
Do	Cyrus Fairbank for Interest money	2.. 10.. 0	
Do	Selah Mead for Schooling	2.. 10.. 0	
Do	Jona Whitney for poor &c	1.. 18.. 0	
Do	Nath Eaton for abatemts Taxes	4.. 12.. 2	
Do	Nath Jerlin for poor	1.. 0.. 0	40.. 0.. 4
	foot	£	247.. 3.. 8½
Do	Saml Mead for Schooling	0.. 10.. 0	
Do	Nath Willard for ppor	1.. 3.. 1	
Do	Saml Mead for Schooling	0.. 12.. 0	
Do	Cyrus Fairbank for buying cloth	0.. 12.. 0	
Do	Do for Interest money	1.. 0.. 0	
Do	Thos Bennet for poor	2.. 13.. 0	
Do	Jos Wales for Do	0.. 7.. 4	
Do	Thos Bennet Do	1.. 4.. 0	
Do	Timo Curtis for Schooling	0.. 12.. 0	
Do	Nath Jerlin for poor	2.. 3.. 6	10.. 16.. 11
	Carried forward & Contin'd foot	£	258.. 0.. 7¼

Brought forward & Continued ——— £ 258.. 0.. 7¼ Acct Contin'd

In favour of Mr. Harrington for his June pay 1787 ... 45.. 0.. 0
Do ... Do ... Decm. pay 1787 ... 44.. 3.. 4
Do ... Peter Green for Interest money ... 12.. 11.. 6
Do ... Jno. Prescott for abatement of Taxes ... 6.. 5.. 7
Do ... Lucy Priest for the poor ... 1.. 16.. 10
Do ... Cyprus Fairbank for Interest Money ... 2.. 15.. 0
Do ... Benj. Atherton for burying cloth ... 0.. 12.. 0
Do ... Jno. Prescott for plank ... 0.. 10.. 8
Do ... Hooker Osgood for schooling ... 0.. 12.. 0
114.. 6.. 11

Footed ... £ 372.. 7.. 6. ¼.

Do ... Town of Sterlings Note of hand ... 17.. 15.. 2
Do ... Jno. Whiting for Making Rates ... 2.. 16.. 0
Do ... Do. for boarding Assessors ... 1.. 1.. 0
Do ... Jonas Fairbank for Schooling ... 7.. 0.. 6
Do ... Jacob Howe for poor ... 1.. 5.. 5
Do ... Nath. Eaton for abatement of Taxes ... 2.. 13.. 3
Do ... Benj. Wyman for Schooling ... 0.. 14.. 0
Do ... Lucy Priest for poor ... 1.. 5.. 0
Do ... Stephen Whilder for Timber ... 1.. 13.. 0
Do ... Jonas Fairbank for plank ... 4.. 0.. 0
Do ... Benj. Wyman for Schooling ... 1.. 12.. 8
Do ... Jonas Wyman Timber for Bridges ... 1.. 0.. 4
Do ... Jonas Fairbank for Schooling ... 4.. 19.. 6
Do ... Joriah Ballard for Do ... 2.. 18.. 4
Do ... Nath. Jerkis for poor ... 1.. 2.. 0
51.. 16.. 2

Footed ... £ 424.. 3.. 8. ¼.

Do ... James Carter Bridge work ... 3.. 19.. 4¾
Do ... Benj. Wyman Schooling ... 5.. 0.. 0
Do ... Lucy Priest for poor ... 0.. 6.. 1
Do ... For Farwell Do ... 0.. 10.. 0
Do ... Jesse Osgood Schooling ... 12.. 2.. 0
Do ... Wm. Willard boarding School dame ... 1.. 1.. 0
Do ... Sam. Thurston Bridge timber ... 0.. 9.. 4
Do ... For Farwell for poor ... 1.. 10.. 0
Do ... Benj. Wyman for Making Rates ... 3.. 11.. 0
Do ... Lidy Bachelor for Schooling ... 1.. 1.. 0
Do ... Lem. Barret for poor ... 0.. 3.. 2
Do ... Joriah Phelps Do ... 0.. 6.. 0
Do ... Nath. Willard for abatem. Nath. Bemans Taxes 12.. 12.. 11
Do ... Jno. Whiting Jr. for Bridge work ... 0.. 8.. 1
Do ... Do. boarding Assessors ... 0.. 19.. 6
Do ... Jos Carter for Schooling ... 1.. 8.. 3
Do ... Thos Bennet for poor ... 3.. 15.. 0
Do ... Nath. Willard for Haskells House & Land &c ... 4.. 16.. 0
Do ... Do ... Collecting Taxes ... 15.. 0.. 0
Do ... Jonas Fairbank for poor ... 2.. 2.. 8
Do ... Lucy Priest for poor ... 0.. 14.. 11
Do ... Joriah Ballard for poor &c ... 1.. 10.. 8
Do ... Joriah Flagg Bridge work ... 0.. 14.. 10
74.. 1.. 9 ¾

foot carried Forward & Contin'd £ 498.. 5.. 6

Acct brought forward & Continued

Hooting brought forward ---- £ 498..5..6

In favour of Benj. Houghton for Bridge work 3..13..0
Do ---- do ---- for do ---- 3..16..7
Do ---- Thos Gates for poor ---- 1..10..0
Do ---- Peter Green for Adams Rates of 1787 ---- 23..14..7
Do ---- Benja Wyman for Schooling ---- 1..14..0
Do ---- Jos Harwell for poor ---- 0..5..11
Do ---- Lucy Priest Do ---- 0..4..0
Do ---- Isaac Bennet Do ---- 0..10..0
Do ---- Nath Willard Do ---- 1..12..0
Do ---- Jona Fenny for abatement of Taxes ---- 15..2..2

32..2..3

---- foot continued.

£ 550..7..9

Do ---- Lucy Priest for poor ---- 0..12..0
Do ---- Do ---- 0..11..6
Do ---- Jn° Prescott for Taxes abated to him ---- 2..13..7
Do ---- Lucy priest for poor ---- 0..6..0
Do ---- Do for Do ---- 1..1..7
Do ---- Jonas Wyman for Entertaining Selectmen 1..16..0
Do ---- Moses Sawyer for Schooling ---- 4..16..9
Do ---- Jonas Wyman for Selectmen ---- 2..17..7
Do ---- Jn° Prescott for poor ---- 2..10..8
Do ---- Lucy priest Do ---- 1..3..6
Do ---- Mrs Whitcomb for Nursing ---- 0..6..4
Do ---- Ruben Lipenwell for poor ---- 0..9..3
Do ---- Nath Willard for Bridge Timber ---- 7..3..0

20..7..9

£ 570..15..6

Do ---- Mich Newhall for poor ---- 1..1..3
Do ---- Nath Carter for Taxes abated ---- 3..10..9
Do ---- Benj Wyman for Schooling ---- 4..4..5
Do ---- Wm Tooker Do ---- 1..9..7
Do ---- Josiah Phelps for poor ---- 2..8..0
Do ---- Moses Smith for Schooling ---- 1..0..0
Do ---- Benj Wyman Do ---- 0..7..0
Do ---- Moses Sawyer Bridge work ---- 3..7..0
Do ---- Do ---- Making Rates ---- 3..3..5
Do ---- Henry Hasketl Bridge Bridge work ---- 2..19..4
Do ---- Do ---- for Schooling ---- 7..11..2
Do ---- Polly Wilder for moving poor ---- 1..1..0
Do ---- Eld Stearns for Bridge work ---- 0..2..4
Do ---- Nath Willard for cash paid for Town ---- 0..6..0
Do ---- James Goodwin for Schooling ---- 2..2..0
Do ---- Nath Willard for abatement of Taxes ---- 18..0..0
Do ---- Eph Carter for Bridge work ---- 0..12..4
Do ---- Jer Carter for Schooling ---- 7..8..1
Do ---- James Goodwin for Do ---- 1..4..0

64..14..8

£ 635..10..2

Carried up & Cont'd

Brought up & Continued ..... £. 635.. 10.. 2.

In favour of Revd Tims Harrington for Jurie
nan for 1788 ..... £41.. 15.. 0

In favour of John Willard for Land ..... 14.. 14.. 6

56.. 9.. 6

Whole amount of order ..... £. 691.. 19.. 8

Treasurers Debt brought forward £1163.. 0.. 6

Credit brought down ..... £. 691.. 19.. 8

Ballance Due from the Treasurer. £471.. 0.. 10.

Close of the Prudential Act. for 1788.

Lancaster March 2d. 1789.

Select men of Lancaster.

Mich. Newhall.
Josiah Ballard.
James Carter.
Benj. Houghton.
Thos. Gates.

Entered & Examined.

attest.

Edm Heard Town Clerk

Warrant for Anual May Meeting 1789

Lancaster April 27th 1789.

Worcester Ss.

To the Freeholders and other the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally qualified to Vote for a Representative to the General Court or in Town affairs — You are warned in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to meet at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the Eleventh day of May Next at one oClock P.M. to Act on the following articles Viz —

First to give in your Votes for a Representative for the year insuing.

2d — To chuse a Moderator to govern the Meeting for Town affairs —

3d — To see if the Town will Vote of Peter Larkin with his family & Interest to the District of Berlin or Act or transact any thing relating to him —

4th — To see if the Town will hire Preaching in future whenever the Revd Mr Harrings want of health shall render him unable to preach or act or transact any thing relating thereto —

5th — To see if the Town will adopt any Measure whereby Messrs Jona Wilder Joseph Carter & Jonas Fairbanks may be relieved from the obligations they are under to Mr Joshua Richardson for the Town Debt or Act or transact any thing relating thereto.

6th — To see if the Town will make a settlement with the Managers of their Lottery & appropriate the Neat proceeds of the same which are in sd Managers hands or act or transact any thing relating thereto —

Timo Whiting Jr.
Jno Maynard.
Dand. Storrs.
} Select Men Lancaster

Entered & examined.

Attes.

Edm Heard Town Clerk

I have warned the Freeholders & others agreably to this Warrent by posting the same according to Law.

Lancaster May 11th 1789

Edm Heard T. Clerk

May 11th Meeting 1789.

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster this day agreable to the aforegoing Warrant did proceed as follows Viz

First Voted & Chose Mr. Michael Rewhall to represent this Town in the General Court the Currant year

2d. Voted & chose Capt. Jno. Manard Moderator for the Government of said Meeting

3d. Voted & chose Cyrus Fairbank. Benja. Houghton, & Peter Green Committe to go & view the situation of Peter Larkin & report to the Town their opinion in his case

4th. Voted to hire preaching agreable to the 4th. artiele in the Warrant & that Deacon Fairbank, Deacon Houghton, & Israil Atherton Esqr. be a Committee for said purpose

5th. On the 5th. Artill Voted that Treasurer Green issue his Execution against the Collector for the Money due on the Richardson Rate so called

6th. Voted & chose John Sprague Esqr. Capt. John Manard, & Capt. Timo. Whiting Junr., a Comm.e to settle with the Managers of Lancaster Lottery

Lottery affairs

7th. Voted to adjourn this Meeting till the 3d. Monday in June next 3 oClock P.M. on said day

John Manard Moderator

Attest Edm.d Heard Town Clerk

Lancaster May 11th 1789.

March Meeting. Adjournm.d

Lancaster May 11.th 1789

Meeting opened agreeable to adjournment

1.st ---Voted that the Town will establish the Grammer School on the same principles as they did the last year.

2.d ---Voted & chose John Sprague Esq.r Tim.o Whiting Jr.r & Capt. John Manard a Committe for Bridges in the room of the old Bridge Committee so called

Voted to dissolve this Meeting. Peter Green Moderator

attest Edm.d Heard Town Clerk

April Meeting by Adjour.d May 11.th 1789

---At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Lancaster held this day by adjournment proceeded as follows

Voted that the Selectmen examine the affairs of Nath.l Harkells arear of taxes & report at the next meeting

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting till the 3.d Monday in June next at two Clock P.M. on said day.

Peter Green Moderator

May 11.th 1789 Attest Edm.d Heard Town Clerk

Worcester ss. Lancaster May 30th 1789

Warrant for June Meeting 1789

To the Freeholders and other the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally qualified to Vote in Town affairs Greeting

You are required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to meet at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the 15th day of June next at four o'Clock P.M. on said day to act on the following Articles Viz

First. To chuse a Moderator for the Government of said Meeting

2dly. To see if the Town will take into consideration the loss Doct. James Carter has sustained on Account of his not obtained pay for Doctoring Sarrah Wheelock and Joshua Phenix a Soldier in the late American Army, and to make him a gratuity of Seven pounds Ten Shillings

3dly. To see if the Town will grant Monies to be Assessed and worked out at building Bridges & Causeyways or repairing the same or act or transact any thing relating to the same

4th. To see if the Town will grant the Petition of Jotham Woods for the abatement of his Taxes as set forth in his petition.

5th. To see what Method the Town will adopt for collecting the Arrears of the old Bridge Rate so called, now in the hands of Capt. Jonas Carter

By order of the Select Men.

Edm Heard Town Clerk

June 15th 1789 I have Warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster agreeably to this Warrant by posting the same Fourteen days previous to this Date

Edm Heard T Clerk

Proceedings of June Meeting 1789

Lancaster June 18th 1789.

At a Meeting of the Free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally Assembled this day passed the following Votes viz

First Voted & Chose Peter Green Moderator

2dly Voted to pass over the Artile respecting Doct. James Carter till the next Legal Town Meeting

3dly Voted & Chose John Sprague Esqr Capt. Jno Manard and Capt. Jim.o Whiting Jnr a Committe to Examine the records respecting the Lottery Bridges and Causeways & report what Monies have been granted applyed or appropriated in those respects and what appropriations of more Monies may be made & alsho what appropriation may be made by money applied by any future Vote

Lottery & Bridge Commit.

4th Voted to abate the Poll Tax of Jotham Woods in all back Taxes from this date

6thly Voted to pass over the artile respecting the old Bridge Tax so called till the next Meeting

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting tilt the 1st. monday in July next at one oClock P.M. on said day

Peter Green Moderator

Attest Com.l Heard Town Clerk

Lancaster July the 6th 1789

June Meet by Adjournm from 15th

The Freeholders & others the Inhabitants of Said Town being this day assembled by adjournment from the 15th of June. passed the following Votes Viz

1st On the 2d article Voted to allow Doct. James Carter the sum of [illegible] pounds ten shillings £7.. 10.. 0 as a gratuity for his not having obtained pay for Doctoring Sarah Wheelock & Joshua Fenniss a Soldier in the Late American Army.

2dly The Committe chosen at the last meeting to examine into the state of the Lottery &c. and for settling with the Managers of the Lottery laid before the Town a Statement of the managers Acts. which being taken under Consideration was unanimously Voted & Accepted as Stated below Viz. Lottery Matters

The Town of Lancaster in Account Current with the Managers of the 6th 7th & Eighth Classes of the Lottery

Sixth Class Number of Tickets 2700. are 5400 Dollars
paid in prizes 1732. D.
Deduction 668. D.
Dr For managing ten pr Ct expenses included 540. Dollars
Nett proceeds of 6th Class 1928. D. £38.. 8.. 0

Seventh Class. 3000 Tickets 6000. Dollars.
paid in prizes 5278. D.
Deduction 722. D.
Dr For managing 8 pr Ct expenses included 480. D.
Nett proceeds to Town 242 Dollars 72.. 12.. 0

Eighth Class 3000 Tickets 6000. Dollars.
paid in prizes 5150 D.
Deduction 850 D.
Dr For managing 8 pr Ct expenses included 480 D.
Nett proceeds 370 D. 111.. 0.. 0

Total of Nett proceeds to the Town £222.. 0.. 0

Lancaster July 6th 1789. Eph.m Carter Jn.r / Jon.a Heard / Jon.a Wilder } Managers

on the 5th Article Turn over

June Meeting Continued

Voted On the 5th article that the Select Men receive the List of the old Bridge rate now in the hands of Capt James Carter & deliver it to the Assessors who are hereby empowerd to make out a list of what is still due & grant a Warrant to such Collector as the Town shall chuse for the collection of such arrears & direct him to pay it into the Town Treasurer on or before the first day of March next.

old Bridge Tax

Voted & chose Capt James Carter Collector for the Above arrears of Taxes who was duly sworn to the faithfull performance of the aforesaid Trust

. . . . . Voted to dissolve this Meeting.

Peter Green Moderator

Attest. Edm Heard Town Clerk

April Meeting adjourned from May 11th.

Lancaster June 15th 1789

At an adjournment of April meeting from May 11th on the article of Nathl Harkells arrears of Taxes.

The Assessors not being able to report this meeting Voted to adjourn till the first monday in July 4 o Clock P. M. on said day.

Peter Green Moderator

Attest Edm. Heard Town Clerk

May Meeting adjourned

Lancaster June 15th 1789

The Inhabitants being this day assembled to hear the report of their Committe on the petion of Peter Larkin the Committe not being able to report the Town then Voted that this meeting stand adjourned till the 1st Monday in July nex at 4 o Clock P.M. on said day.

Jn° Manard Moderator

Attest.

Edm Heard Town Clerk

Lancaster July 6th 1789.

Adjourn'd April Meeting

April Meeting being again opened by Adjournment.

The Committe on Haskells arrears of Taxes presented the following report (Viz) Agreeably to a Vote of the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster April 6th 1789 we have examined the affairs of Nath. Haskells arrears of Taxes & beg leave to report as follows Viz

Committe report on Haskells Arrears

Nathaniel Haskell exhibited to us two Lists of Precinct Taxes to be collected by him & paid to Wm Greenleaf Esq. Treasurer to the first precinct in Lancaster, one dated April 17. 1780 of £105 3 the other dated Nov. 7. 1780 of £3422.12.9 for the latter of which he shewed a Warrant under the hands & seals of Nath. Bearman. Luke Wilder. & Joseph Carter Assessors. but saith he had no warrant for the former

It appears Nath. Haskell hath completed the payment of the above sums to the Precinct Treasurer & has not yet finished the collection from individuals a part of which he might have collected & still has the power to do it— & what remains we conceive the regular method for him to procure an allowance would be to lay before the Town the Name of each Individual from whom in due time he could not have collected his Taxes & pray for an abatement

Lancaster July 6. 1789.

Jno. Whiting
Josiah Bowers
Benj. W. Willard
} Assessors.

Voted & Accepted the report as above presented.

Committe on the Roof of Meeting

The Committe for examining the Roof of the Meeting house reported as follows Viz—

— — — — — — We your Committe have this day examined the meting house & are able to order & find it very defective & leaky in every part to such a degree that in our opinion renders it impossible to repair to any good purpose without Shingling.

Jon.a Whiting
James Goodwin
Eli Sterns.
} Committe

The Town then Voted that the Committe for repairing the meting house proceed to shingle the same.

Voted to dissolve this Meeting Peter Green Moderator

Attest Edm. Rice Town Clerk

Adjourn'd May Meeting 1789

Lancaster July 6th 1789

May meeting opened by adjournment from June 15th and the Town proceeded as follows Viz

Voted the Town agree that Peter Larkin with his family and Interest be annexed to the district of Berlin on condition he give to the Select men of Lancaster for the Use of said Town on or before the first day of September next Sufficient security for the payment of his full proportion of all debts now due from said Town of Lancaster & all monies & expences said Town may hereafter be subjected to on his Account or on Account of his Estate until he & his Estate shall be set to the Town of Berlin in in a Valuation of this Commonwealth.

Peter Larkin set to Berlin

Voted to dissolve this Meeting.

John Maynard Moderator

Attest. — — — — Edm Heard Town Clerk

Warrant for Meeting Aug 3d 1789

Lancaster Aug 3d 1789

To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally qualified to Vote in Town affairs ..... Greeting

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Meet at the Meeting house in said Town on Monday the Seventeenth day of August ~~Instant at two o'Clock in the afternoon~~ to act on the following articles Viz.

First — To Chuse a Moderator for the government of your Meeting.

2d — To see if the Town will grant Monies to discharge the Principle & Interest of the debt they owe to Messrs Joseph Carter, Jonas Fairbank Jr, and Jon. Wilder, on account of the Monies they procured for said Town of Mr Joshua Richardson of Bolton or Act or transact any thing relating thereto

3d —

3d To see if the Town will Accept the further report of their Committe chosen to make a settlement with the Managers of their Lottery & the Old Bridge Committe so called.

4th To see if the Town will direct the Assessors to assess any sum which may appear to have been appropriated by said Town agreably to the Lottery Act which has not been drawn from the Managers of their Lottery, or Act or transact any thing relating thereto

5th To see what measures the Town will adopt to discharge the debt Mr Peter Green has Commenced an action for against s.d Town or act or transact any thing relating to the same

6th To see if the Town will give the necessary Powers to the Bridg Committe so called Chosen the 11th day of May last (on the Adjournment of March Meeting) to enable them to Execute the buisness of their Appointment or Act or transact any thing relating thereto

7th To see if the Town will make any further appropriations of the Nett proceeds of their Lottery agreably to said Lottery Act or act or transact any thing relating thereto

By order of the Select Men

Edm Heard Town Clk.

Lancaster Augt 17th 1789

I have warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town by posting the above Warrant fourteen days previous to this date.

Edm Heard Town Clk

Meeting Aug: 17th 1789

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Other the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally assembled this day passed the following Votes Viz.

1rst. Voted & Chose Capt. Timothy Whiting Moderator.

2d. Voted. & Chose Col. John Whiting Clerk Pro. Tem.

3d On the Second Article in the Warrant Voted to grant four hundred & fifty pounds to discharge the principle & Interest the Town owe Messrs Joseph Carter, Jonas Fairbank Jnr. & Jona. Wilder on account of the Monies they procured for the Town of Mr. Joshua Richardson of Bolton, and the Surplus if any there be after discharging said Debt, to be applyed to the use of of the Poor.

4th Voted. to pass over the 3d Article for the present.

5th Voted to pass over the 4th Article for the present.

6th Voted to pass over the 5th Article for the present.

7 On the 6th Article Voted that Jno. Sprague Esqr. Timo Whiting Jnr. & Jno. Manard the present Bridge Committee have power to rebuild & Make good the public Bridges & Causeways in the Town of Lancaster agreably to the Lottery Act. untill they shall expend the sum of Five hundred pounds, and that the said Committe imploy the Inhabitants of said Town to do the Labour and find the Materials for the sd buisness, if sd Inhabitants will do the same at such rates & prices as hath been heretofore allowed, And the same Committe are Impowered to draw on the Managers of the said Lottery, to the amount of said sum of Five hundred pound for the purposes aforsaid, & to be accounted for by them according to their said draughts, a fair Account of which shall be kept by them, & be open to the inspection of the Select Men & Town Treasurer, & shall be inspected by them once in six months the said Select Men & Treasurer giving them six days notice. And that the Certificates of the said Bridge Committe be received by the Collector in discharge of the Taxe which shall be made pursuant to the grant of this day upon the Second Article to the Amount of Each Certificate.

Bridge Committee Power

8th Voted to pass over the 7th Article.

9th Voted to Adjourn this Meeting till the 3d Monday in October Next at one Clock P.M. at the Meeting house in Lancaster

Aug: 17th 1789

Timothy Whiting Modr.

Attest John Whiting Clerk Pro tem

Entered & Examined.

Attest Wm Heard Town Clerk

Lancaster October 19th 1789.

Aug.t Meet
Adjour

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of said Town legally assembled by adjournment from the 17th Day of August last past Voted as followeth (Viz.)

On the third article in the Warrant Voted & Accepted the Account of Capt Ephraim Carter & Col. Edmund Heard Managers of the Lottery as stated below, Viz —

Lottery Ticket
9th Class

The Town of Lancaster in Account with the Managers of the Ninth Class of their Lottery.

Ninth Class 4000 Tickets are 8000. Dollars.
Paid out in prizes — 6968. Doll.
Deduction — 1032.
Allowance for Managing said Class expences included flight pr Ct — 640. Doll.
392. net proceed £117..12..

Edm.d Heard.
Eph.m Carter Jn.r } Managers.

Voted to pass over the remainder of this 3.d Article for the present

2.dly — Voted to pass over the 11.th Article for the present.

3.d — Voted to pass by the 5.th Article for the present.

11.th — Voted to pass by the 7.th Article for the present.

5.th — Voted to Adjourn this Meeting till the Ninth day of November next at one o Clock P.M. on said day.

Jnn.o Whiting Moderator

Attest. — Edm.d Heard Town Clerk

Warrant for a Meeting. Nov.r 1789

Worcester ss — To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally qualified to Vote in Town affairs Greeting —

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to Meet at the Meeting house in said Town on Monday the Ninth day of November next at One Clock P.M. to Act on the following Articles Viz —

1.st To Chuse a moderator to govern your Meeting.

2.d To see if the Town will chuse a Committee to confer with the Town of Sterling or any Committee they may appoint for the purpose of renewing or more fully establishing a satisfactory Agreement respecting the Devision Between the said Towns of Sterling and Lancaster or Act or transact any thing relating to the same

3.d To see if the Town will risk a certain Number of Tickets in the next or any future Classes of their Lottery. And also to determine the gain arising therefrom (if any) shall be appropriated

Lancaster Octo.r 26.th 1789. By order of the Select Men.

Edm.d Heard. Town Clerk

Meeting Nov.r 9.th 1789.

Lancaster Novem.r the 9.th 1789

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster being legally Warned & duly assembled this day proceeded to pass the following Votes. (Viz.)

1.st Voted & Chose M.r Ebenezer Allen Moderator.

2.d —— On the 2.d Artikle Voted & Chose John Sprague Esq.r M.r Peter Green & Michael Nedhall a Committe to Confer with the Town of Sterling &C. agreably to the Artikle in the Warrant for this Meeting.

3.d On the 3.d artikle Voted to pass it over

4.th —— Voted to Adjourn this Meeting till Monday the 16.th Instant at one Clock in the Afternoon.

Ebenezer Allen Moder.r

—— Attest. Edm.d Heard. Town Cler.k

Aug.t Meeting Adjourn.d

Lancaster Nov.r 9.th 1789

The Inhabitants of said Town being again assembled by adjournment from the 19.th day of October last. proceed as follows. Viz

1.st —— On the 3.d Artikle Voted to pass it over for the present.

2.d On the 4.th Artikle Voted pass it over for the present.

3.d On the 7.th Artikle Voted pass it for the present.

4.th Voted to Adjourn this Meeting untill the 16.th day of this Instant Nov.r 2 Clock P.M.

Tim.o Whiting Moderator

Attest. Edm Heard Town Cler.k

Preambulation Lancaster & Bolton

Lancaster Novem.r 3.d 1789

We the subscribers Select men & Sworn being appointed by said Lancaster & Bolton have this day Mutually Preambulated the line betwixt the s.d Towns & have renewed the Bounds ——

Daniel Storrs. } Lancaster.
Jn.o Willard. }

Robt. Longley. }
Oliver Ballard. } Bolton.
Jn.o Whitney. }
Nath.l Longley. }

Lancaster November 16th 1789

Meeting Nov. 16th 1789 by Adjourn

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants legally assembled this day by adjournment from the ninth Instant proceeded as followeth Viz

- - - - - On the 3d article in the Warrant for said Meeting Voted that the Town take of the Managers of their Lottery twenty four Tickets in the Eleventh Class and that the Select men receive the same of the Managers & keep for the use of the Town of Lancaster

2dly Voted to dissolve this Meeting. Tim° Whiting Moderator

Attest, Edm^d Heard Town Clerk

Lancaster Novr 16th 1789

Augt Meeting by Adjourn^t

The Inhabitants of said Town being again assembled by adjournment from the 9th Instant

1st Voted that the Assessors Assess the Inhabitants of said Town for the sum of one hundred & fifty pounds Lottery Monies instead of the four hundred & fifty pounds granted by the Town on the seventeenth day of August last for the purpose of rebuilding & repairing the Bridges & Causeways in the Town which shall answer the purposes of an Assessment on the same grant.

2d Voted & Accepted of the further report of the Committee Chosen to Make a settlement with the old Bridge Committee so called & the Managers of the Lottery as here stated. Viz

Dr The present Managers of the Lottery in Account Current with the Town of Lancaster Viz

To the Net proceeds of the four th Class of the Lottery	£ 62.. 7.. 8.
To do^r the fifth Class	88.. 5.. 0
do^r Sixth	38.. 8.. 0
do^r Seventh	72.. 12.. 0
do^r Eighth	111.. 0.. 0
do^r Ninth	117.. 12.. 0
Carried forward & Contin^d	£ 490.. 11.. 8

Lottery Accounts

Dr. Brought forward ——— £490..4..8

Cr. by an order in favour of Jon.a Whitney ——— £4..4..0
D.o in favour Nath.l Eaton ——— 2..2..0
D.o in favour Moses Smith ——— 3..0..0
D.o in favour of D.o ——— 2..4..11
D.o ——— D.o ——— 9..0..0
D.o ——— D.o ——— 14..18..0
By an order ——— 46..1..6
Cash paid Leonard Thornwell p.r Smiths Certificate ——— 3..4..4
by Cash paid Nath.l Willard for 3 string peices ——— 18..0..0
Cash paid Moses Smith ——— 28..9..10
Cash paid D.o ——— 19..3..8
£150..8..3
Ballance due ——— 339..16..5
£490..4..8

From the 4.th to the 9 Class inclus. five

Old Bridge Committe Acct.

Dr. the old Bridge Committe (so Called) in Acct. with the Town of Lancaster. Dr.

To Cash drawn from the former Managers of the Lottery ——— £461..5..5
To the old Bridge Tax so called ——— 461..2..0
To Cash drawn from present Managers ——— 149..10..3
To Certificate drawn on Capt.n James Carter ——— 10..7..7
£1082..5..3
To over Charge ——— 3..10..1
1085..15..4
Ballance due ——— 20..16..5
£1106..11..9

Cr.t By work and materials Building Bennets Bridge so Called ——— £247..14..4½
by work & materials building Atherton Bridge ——— 154..13..1½
by D.o & D.o Spragues Bridge (so Call.d) ——— 296..4..2
By D.o D.o repairing White Bridge (so call.d) ——— 55..8..11
By D.o D.o at the Causeway near Mr. Torreys ——— 13..4..11
By a receipt from former Select Men ——— 144..1..2
By a receipt from Capt.n James Carter ——— 187..4..11
By a further Charge ——— 1..0..11
{Jon.a Whitney Jun.r / Jon.a Manard} Committe ——— 6..19..3
£1106..11..9

3.ly — On the Seventh Article.

Voted to pass it over.

4.th.ly. Voted to dissolve this Meeting

Attest. Jnn.o Whiting Moderat.

Edm.d Heard Town Clerk.

Nov.r 16, 1789.

(L.S.)

Warrant for Meeting March 1st 1790.

Worcester ss.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

To the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally qualified to Vote in Town affairs Greeting

You are required in the Name of the Commonwealth aforesaid to meet at the Meetinghouse in said Town on Monday the first day of March Next at twelve o'Clock at Noon, to Act on the following articles Viz——

1st. To Chuse a Moderator to govern said Meeting.

2d. To Chuse Town Officers for the year insueing.

3d. To see what sum or sums of Money you will raise to defray the charges of the Town the insueing year, & how the same shall be appropriated ——

4th ly. To Chuse a County Treasurer.

5th ly. To see if the Town will grant the petition of Nathan Willard & others.

6th ly. To see if the Town will grant the petition of Cyrus Fairbank & others.

7th To see if the Town will grant to Silas Hastings Interest on an order which they gave him to rectify a mistake for moneys borrowed.

8th ly To see if the Town will direct & impower the present Bridge Committe to draw on the former, & present Managers of their Lottery, agreable to the 3d or any other inacting clause of the Lottery Act, & the Votes of the 6th & 21st of Sept. 1784, and give the same Committe any other power & direction touching the subject of the Lottery Act, as at said Meeting may be thought proper——

9th ly To see if Town will order the Select Men or any other persons to Confer with Mr Joshua Fletcher on Account of any demands he hath against the Town, or act or transact anything relating to the same.

10th ly To see if the Town will grant the petition of Jno Wilder.

11th — To see if the Town will grant the petition Sam'l Thurston.

Lancaster Feb'y 8th 1790—

Agreable to this Warrant, I have warned the Free holders & others by posting the same 14 days previous to this date.

Edmd Flood.

By order of the Select Men.

Edmd Flood Town Clerk

Lancaster being this day legally assembled proceeded as followeth Viz

Annual Meeting Mar 1st 1779

1st Voted & Chose Capt John Maynard Moderator.

2d Voted & Chose Col. Edmund Heard Town Clerk.

3d Voted & Chose Mr Ebenezer Torrey Treasurer.

4th Voted & Chose { Capt Jn° Maynard / Timo Whiting Jnr Esqr / Mr Daniel Sterns } Select Men

5th Chose { Col. Jn° Whiting. / Capt Josiah Bowers. / Mr Benj° Wyman } Assessors

6th Chose { John Maynard. / Heard Jones. / Daniel Rugg Jr. / Josiah Bowers. / Leonard Harwell. / Jn° Hawks. / Jn° Dollyson. / Jon. W. Page. / Simon Butler. / Dand. Goss. } Surveyors

7th Chose. { Benj° Houghton. Edm Heard. & Eli Sterns } Fish Wardens

8th Chose. { Peter Thurston & Oliver Senny. } Field drivers

9th Chose. { Jonas Fairbank Jr. & Wm Phelps } Fence Viewers

10th Chose. { Wm Phelps. & Samd Wilder 2d } Surveyors of Staves

11th Chose { Daniel Goss & Jon° Whitney } D. of Clabords &c

12th Chose. { Moses Sawyer } Deer Reeve

13th Chose. { Joshua Fletcher & Daniel Goss } Tything men

14th Chose. { Jon° Osgood } packer of Beef

15th Chose. { Joseph Carter } Sealer of Leather

16th Chose. { Thos Gates } D. of Weights &c.

17th Voted to pass over the 3d Article for the present

Continued

March Meeting Continued

18th ..... On the 4th Article Voted & Chose
Mr. Samuel Allen County Treasurer.

19th On the petition of Nathan Willard & others. Voted that the consideration thereof be referred to the Selectmen who shall report at the April Meeting

20th On the petition of Cyrus Fairbank & others Voted to pass over the Article

21st On the petition of Silas Hasting Voted not to grant the petition.

22d .... On the ~~9th~~ Article Voted to pass it over till the Next Meeting

23d .... On the 9th Article Voted & Chose Col. Edm. Heard Mr. Joseph Carter & Tim. Whiting Jr. Esqr, a Committee to confer with Mr. Jonathan Fletcher relative to any demands he may have against the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster or any demands the said Inhabitants may have against said Fletcher with full power to enter into a Rule of Court for having the same adjusted & to attend thereto until the same may be finally settled

24th .... On the 10th Article.
Voted that John Wilder have liberty to move the fence the width of the Road to the south a wreath to his petition

25th The Managers of the Lottery then laid before the Town a Statement of the 10th 11th & 12th Classes which was unanimously accepted as stated below

Lottery Matters

Viz .... The Town of Lancaster in Account with the Managers of the Lottery Grd. by the deduction of the

10th Class ..... 1000. dollars. are ..... 1000 Doll.
Dr. to Managing 10th Class all expences included 640
Net proceeds ..... 360. doll. or £100.0.0

11th Class deduction 817. Dollars
6 pr. for Managing 480. all expences included
Net proceeds 337. Doll. ..... or £101.2.0

12th Class deduction 810. Doll.
Dr. to Managing 480.
Net proceeds 330. Dollars or £99.0.0
£300.2.0

Feb. 27. 1790 Errors Excepted.

Edm. Heard
Coph. Carter } Managers.

The Assessors of the Town of Lancaster have made a the following Assessments & committed lists thereof to Mr Nathaniel Willard with Warrants agreable to Law to be paid Mr. Peter Green Town Treasurer

Town Tax to be paid Jany 1st 1790	£426..4..8.
Revd Tim^{o} Harrington's Sallery	73..15..4
also an aditional sum to be paid the Town Treasurer	0..9..2
	£500..9..2

Lastly Voted to adjourn this Meeting till the first Monday in April Next 2 Clock in the after Noon

Jno. Maynard Moderator.

Attest. Edm Heard. Town Clerk

The Assessors of the Town of Lancaster have made the following assessments & committed lists thereof to Nathaniel Willard with Warrants agreably to Law to be paid Peter Green Town Treasurer

Town Tax 1789

Town Tax to be paid Jany 1st 1790	£426..4..8
Revd Tim^{o} Harrington's Sallery	73..15..4
also an aditional sum to be paid Tr. Treasurer	9..2
	£500..9..2

Extracts from the records of the Assessors.

John Whiting one of the Assessors

Lancaster Feby 16th 1790.

Lancaster March 1st 1790

A statement of the Revd Timothy Harrington's Sallery according to the price of the subsequent articles in Nov^{r} & Decr last past vizt

Statement of Ministers Sallery

Rye a 30^{s} pr bushel. £5 pr shilling	£150..0..0
Indian Corn a 22/6 pr D^{o} £7..10 pr D^{o}	160..15..0
Beef a 1/4^{d} pr ℔. £10 pr penny	160..0..0
Pork a 1/0^{d} pr ℔ £5 pr D^{o}	100..0..0
Old Tennor	£570..15..0
Reduced to Lawfull Money	£77..3..4

John Whiting
Josiah Bowers
Benj^{a} W Willard
} Assessors

Adjournment March Meeting

Lancaster April 5th 1790

The Town of Lancaster being this day assembled by adjournment from the first Day of march last proceeded & passed the following Votes Viz.

1st Voted Chose Nathaniel Willard Constable for the year ensuing

2d Voted to raise one hundred & Twenty pounds to worked out in the same manner as the last year & the price of Labour &c. to be the same

3d ..... Voted & Chose Samuel Jones Surveyor of Highways in the Room of Capt. Joseph White

4th ..... On the petition of Nathan Willard & Others the Comm. chosen to take into consideration the said petition reported as followeth (Viz) that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted — the Town then Voted that the Assessors apportion & set off the above petitioners a School Squadron in said Town.

5th ly — On the 8th Article in the Warrant — Whereas the Town on the 7th day of April 1783 did chuse a Committee to superintend the building & making good the publick Bridges and Causeways in the Town & to draw Monies out of the hands of the Managers of the Lottery for the payment of the same. And on the 24th day of Sept. 1784 did authorize the said Committee to agree with the Inhabitants of said Town to work at the Bridges & for Timber and Stones at such prices as they should think fit — and whereas also the said Town under the superintendance of said Committee have advanced to them for Labour and Materials for the said Bridges &c. the sum of £264 11 8. & have done other Labour &c. under the said Committee & other Bridge Committees for the purpose expressed in the Lottery Act therefore Voted that John Sprague Esqr. Timo. Whiting Jr. Esqr. & Capt. Jno. Maynard. be a Committee to ascertain the whole amount that the Town or any person in behalf of said Town or the Inhabitants thereof have advanced for said Bridges &c. for which they are not yet paid and to draw orders on the former & present Managers of the Lottery for the payment to whomesoever the same may be due

Bridge Committees Powers

Lastly Voted. To adjourn this meeting till the annual Meeting in May next at 6 o'Clock P.M.

Jno. Maynard Moderator Attest

Com. Willard Jr. Clerk

(Seal) Worcester ss.

Warrant for April Meeting

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally qualified to Vote for a Governour Lieut. Governour Councillors and Senators as also those qualified to Vote in Town affairs Greeting

You are required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid to Meet at the Meeting house in Lancaster on Monday the 5th day of April next at four o'Clock in the afternoon to Act on the following articles Viz —

1st To give in your Votes for a Governour Lieut. Governour Councillours & Senators agreable to the Constitution —

2d ly. To Chuse a Moderator to govern your Meeting for Town affairs —

3d ly. To see if the Town will grant the petition of Nathaniel Willard

4th ly. To see what method the Town will adopt for keeping the Grammer School —

5th ly To see if the Town will abate the Taxes of Abisha Phelps in Constable Jon. Tennys list for the year 1794 to the Amount of two pounds 3/10. —

6th ly. To see if the Town will grant the petition of James Godwin and others —

7th ly To see if the Town will rest any number of Tickets in the 4th & Best Class of their Lottery —

Lancaster March 22d 1795.

By order of the Select Men

Edm Heard Town Clerk

Worcester ss. April 5th 1795.

I have warned the Inhabitants to meet at time and place agreable to the within Warrant by posting the same fourteen days previous to this date —

Attest Edm Heard. Town Cler —

Proceedings of April Meeting

Lancaster April 5th 1790

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town being this day legally assembled proceeded as followeth Viz

The Votes for a Governour Lieut Governour Councellors & Senators being called for in rotation were as followeth Viz

1st. For a Governour { His Excellency John Hancock 76. Votes / His Excellency James Bowdoin 6.

2d. For Lieut Governour Hon. Sam. Adams 68.

3d. For Councellors & Senators

Moses Gill	56.	Jeremiah Learned	8.
Sam. Baker	30.	[illegible]	9
Tim. Paine	21.	Peter Rennyman	8.
Abm. Ward	2.	John Jefferson	47.
Abel Wilder	33.	Josiah Whitney	2.
Seth Washburn	35.	Amos Singletary	31.
Jon. Warner	5.	Esquitries	
Israel Nichols	7.	Mr. David Bigelow	25.
Benj. Heywood	9.		

Town affairs Chose Capt. John Maynard Moderator.

On the 3d. Article Voted to refer the matter to the Select Men & Assessors to do as they shall think proper & report at the Next meeting.

On the 4th. Article Voted & Chose Israel Atherton Esq. Tim. Whiting Esq. & Capt. Sam. Ward. to form a plan for keeping the Grammer School agreable to the Law of this Commonwealth & report at the next meeting

On the 5th. Article Voted to refer it to the Selectmen & Assessors to do as they shall think proper.

On the 6th. Article Voted to pass it by.

On the 7th. Article Voted. the Town take & risk Twelve Tickets in the 14th. Class of the Lottery

Lastly Voted to adjourn this Meeting till the Annual Meeting in May next 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

John Maynard Moderator.

Attest.

Edm. Hasey Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcester ss. Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Warrant for Meeting May 10th 1790

To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally qualified to Vote for a Representative to the General Court of this Commonwealth Greeting

You are hereby required to meet at the Meeting house in said Town on monday the tenth day of May next at 2 o'clock P.M. to act on the following arts (Viz.) — First to chuse a Representative to represent you in the General Court the year insueing —

2d. — To chuse a Moderator to govern your Meeting for Town affairs.

3d — To see what method the Town adopt to repair & keep good the Road leading from the west side of Quasaponicon Bridge to where it comes to the gread road near Bennets Bridge —

4th. To see what Method the Town will come into to prevent Rams from running at large at any particular season of the year or act for transact any thing relating to s.d Law

Lancaster April 26th 1790. John Maynard } Selectmen
Daniel Stones }

Entered & Examined. Edm.d Heard Town Clerk

May Meeting 10th 1790

The inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster being this day legally assembled proceeded as followeth (Viz.)

1st. Voted & Chose Capt. Ephraim Carter to Represent the Town in General Court the year insueing —

2d. Voted & Chose John Maynard Moderator —

3d. Voted that the Surveyors of the Neck squadron, Goat-ham, Tennys, & Robbins's be directed to work on the ponicon Road one day with as many hands as they can obtain —

4th Voted to dismiss the 4th Article in the Warrant —

5th Voted the Meeting be dissolved.

John Maynard Moderd.

Lancaster May 10th 1790.

Edm.d Heard Town Clerk

April Meting Ajournment

Lancaster May 10th 1790

April Meting being opened by adjournment from April 5th proceded as follows Viz

On the 3d Voted to pass it over for the present.

Grammer School

On the Grammer School Voted & chose an additional Committe to those before chosen to form a plan & report at the next meeting chose Messrs Eli Sterns, John White Jn., Jarthes Goodwin, Benj.a W. Willard Cyrus Fairbank, Mordi Sawyer, Wm Tooker, Steph Wilder, & Joseph Carter.

Voted — this Meting be adjourned till the 7th day of June at 4 Clock P.M

Attest Town Clerk

March Meting Ajournm.

March Meting opened by adjournment from april 5th & adjourned to 7th of June ½ past four Clock in the afternoon

May 10th 1790

Attest Town Clerk

March Meting

March Meting opened by adjournment from May 10th and proceeded as followeth Viz

1st. Voted & Excepted of the prudential Accounts for the year 1789.

Money Raised

2d. Voted to Raise the sum of two hundred & fifty pounds to defray the Town charges the current year £250

3d. Voted the Highway Surveyors be directed to return their list to the Assessors on or before the 1st day of June Annually & the Assessors give a Warrant with a list of all delinquencies to be collected in specie for the use of the Town

4th On the petition of Samd Thurston Voted not to grant it

5th Voted & Chose John Sprague Esqr Fire Warden.

6th Voted & chose Moses Smith & Timo Whiting Senr Wardens the year insuing

7th Voted

7th Voted & Accepted of the report of the Assessors on the northern school squadron Viz

That a Squadron be formed of the following persons & Estates and a School house be placed at the corner of the Roads South of Wm Horleys.

Squadron.

Samd. Sanderson,	Josiah White,	Peter Fenny,
Jnº. Willard.	Abijh. White.	Wm Willard Jr.,
Oliver Fenny.	Wm Horley.	Simon Willard,
Jona. Fenny.	Wm Willard.	Benja. W. Willard.
Samd. Stevens.	Paul Willard.	Josiah Woods.
Jona. Willard.	Jnº. White.	Nath. Willard Jr.
Jnº. White Jr.	Leon. Farwell.	Jnº. White 3d.
Jerank Davis	Abner Whitney	

North Schoo Squadro

Squadron

That an other be formed of the following discription and a School house be placed at Col. Henry Haskells —

Henry Haskell.	Jona. Stone.	Wm Deputron.
Jnº. Richards.	Salmon Goodry.	Peter Willard.
Daniel Knight.	Lemh. Barret.	Jnº. Campbell.
Joseph Fitzwell.	Israel Butler.	Benja. Priest.
Peter Atherton.	Timo. Barret.	Jno. Priest.
Ebenr. Batt Jr.	Jese Batt.	Jacob Tweer.
Danl. Willard.	Peter Shiney.	Asa Wyman.

Capt. Daniel Rugg, Manas. Knight, Jacob Kibburn, Daniel Johnson, Moses Knight & Sam. Rugg, be Joined to the Squadron of Sam. Robbins —

John Whiting
Josiah Bowers
Benja. Wyman
} Assessors —

8th Voted to dissolve this meeting.

June 7th 1790. Edm Flagg Town Clerk

Lancaster June 7th 1790 —

April Meeting being again opened by adjournment from May 10th

1st Voted that the report of the Grammer School Committe be Accepted every clause except that which points out the place where the School house to be built shall stand —

April Meeting Continued

Continued — 2d. by Voted —

Grammar School Matters

2d Voted that the School house to be built shall be placed on the hill near the Revd Timothy Harrington —

3d Voted & chose Israel Atherton Esqr Benja Houghton & Cyrus Fairbank a Committe to provide a place for keeping the Gramer School untill a house shall be built & procure a Master for said School —

4th Voted that Messrs Jona Whitney & Eli Stearns be Joined to said Committe & that said Committe form a plan of said school house & lay the same before the Town at their next Meeting to gather with the cost that in their opinion said School house will amount to

Abatement of Taxes &c

5th Voted to accept of the report of the Assessors on the petition of Nathniel Willard which is as follows —

John Beamans Tax No 7 £1..4..10
& No 8 1..9..8½ £2..14..6½ abated

Thos Kendal No 7 . . . 0..4..3
& No 8 0..16..1 1..0..4 abated.

Jotham Woods poll Tax abated by a former Vote

John Hannas 0..16..1 Abated
Solomon Townshend 1..12..2 Abated
Smith person unknown 7..3 Do
Levi Willard 7..3 Do
Zebur Wyman 7..1½ Do
Joseph Beaman 7½ Do
Aron Eastbrook 1..12..8 Do
Jacob Swain & Moses Dickerson Town proper to pay their Estates to pay for them
Nath White 1..1 abated

Taxes abated £8..19..1½

Jonathan Hartwell £0..11..6 an order
Levi Page 1..6..4 Do
Benj White more 1..13..2 Do
David Baldwin 1..11..8¼ Do
Josiah Phelps 2..9..8¾ Do
Nath Hartwell 3..13..11½ Do
Joseph Priest Junr 3..8..9 Do

An Order £14..15..1½ an order

Somd Saunderson, Frank Davis, Jacob Phelps & Benja Peirce, to be imployed the first work at the Bridges or Causeways untill they have completed the payment of their Taxes —

The remainder of the petitioners is not subjects of Abatement — John Whiting in behalf of the Committe —

Continued —

That one Hundred pounds be raised for the support of the English Grammer School, & be apportionated to the several school squadrons in the Town, upon the same principle the school money hath herto fore been devided excepting an appropriation of fifteen pounds annually to be deducted from the two centure squadrons Viz the Neck & George hill so called which shall be appropriated toard the support of the Latin Grammer school provided said school shall be kept in a school house which shall be built for the most convenient central spot in the Town

And furthermore that measures shall be immediately taken to provide materials and build a school house for the purpose of keeping said Grammer school

Report of Grammer School Committee

Josiah Ballard
Wm Tooker
Moses Sawyer
Eli Sterns
Benja W. Willard

Cyrus Fairbanks
John White Jnr
Joseph Carter
Israel Atherton
Timo Whiting Jnr

Committee

Lastly Voted to dissolve this Meeting

John Maynard Moderator

Attest Edm Heard Town Clerk

Here follows the an Acct of the prudentials of the Town for the Year 1789.

Debts due to the Town of Lancaster the 1st day of March 1790.

Prudentials for 1789

from whom due	Original sum of the obligation	Interest on do.	Total Amount
Mich[d] Newhall.	£2.. 0.. 0	£0.. 2.. 3	£2.. 2.. 3.
Aron Phelps.	3.. 6.. 3	11.. 2	3..17.. 5.
Nath[l] Willard.	24..13.. 1½		24..13.. 1½
James Carter Jnr	17.. 13.. 6.	1.. 7.. 8.	19.. 1.. 2.
Andrew Winter	2..18.. 1.	1.. 4.. 0.	6.. 2.. 1.
Fran[s] Davis.	5.. 1.. 2.	1.. 14.. 10	6.. 16.. 0.
Jacob Jewett	4.. 8.. 0.	1.. 9.. 4.	5..17.. 4.
do	3.. 0.. 5.	1.. 14.. 10	6..16.. 0.
John Putnam	.. 8.. 6	.. 3.. 0.	.. 11.. 6.
Israel Butler	8.. 9.. 11	3.. 4.. 2.	11.. 14.. 1.
Solom[n] Sartell	2.. 1.. 5	.. 16.. 11.	2..18.. 4.
Nath[l] White	3.. 3.. 0.	1.. 3.. 6.	4.. 6.. 6.
Benj[a] Priest	6..12.. 2	2.. 0.. 6	8..12.. 8
Dan[l] Knight	.. 16.. 3	.. 5.. 8	1.. 1.. 11.
David Baldwin	13..18.. 3	4..11.. 4	18.. 9.. 9.
Wm Frink.	6..16.. 5	2.. 0.. 10	8..17.. 3.
			£131.. 19.. 4.
Execution against madena Worster in Cyrus Fairbanks hands			12.. 0.. 0
do last in Nath[l] Willards hands			17.. 0.. 0
Town Taxes uncollected in Nath[l] Willards hand			547.. 19.. 0
		Total	£708.. 10.. 4

Prudentials Carried forward & Continued

Prudential Continued

Brought forward Total of debts due to the Town £708..18..4

Amount of Expenditures of the Town of Lancaster for the Year 1789

Sundry orders for support of Dorothy Rugg £4..7..0
do ___ do Funeral Charges do ___ 1..5..10 £5..12..10

Sundry do for support of Mark Cromman and his Children ___ 2..10..0
do do Doctd ___ do ___ .. 7..6
do do Clothing ___ do ___ .. 5..4 3..2..10

Sundry Orders for support of Jerusha Osgood ___ 5..4..0

Sundry do for support of Betty Brown ___ 3..10..0
do do Clothing do ___ .. 2..0 2..12..0

Sundry Orders for support of Prudena Beamon ___ 8..8..9

Sundry Orders for support of John Pruit ___ 10..11..0
do ___ do Doctoring do & Wife ___ 1..9..5
do ___ do Clothing do ___ 1..5..2
do ___ do Bedding do ___ .. 11..3
Cash for Clothing do ___ 2..9..2

Sundry Orders for Clothing Susanah Webb 16..6..0
one of the poor ___ 3..11..6

Sundry Orders for support of Patience Wyman 3..3..7
do ___ do doctor. do ___ 2..12..9 5..16..4

Sundry Orders for support of John Adams ___ 2..8..0

Sundry Orders for Citeing Town of Dorchester & removing poor from the Town ___ 4..0..3

Sundry Orders to the Justice for removeing Mary Cromman & Children to Dorchester ___ 0..16..6

___ Sum Total for support of poor for the year 1790 £57..19..0

Sundry Orders for abatement of Taxes ___ 3..0..2¾

Sundry Orders for sweeping & care of the Meting house 1..0..0

Sundry Orders for sending for a Coroner and guarding the Body of Peggy Stone ___ 1..16..10

An. Order for mending Capt. James Carters Chain ___ 0..12..0

An. Order for Interest due to prate Heirs ___ 9..1..10

£ 73..10..0¾

Sundry Orders for schooling for 1789 ___ 112..0..0

Sundry Orders for Revd Tho.s Harrington Sallary for the year 1789 ___ 73..15..4

Sundry Orders for the services of the overseers of the poor ___ 6..0..0

Carried forward & Continued £ 265..5..4¾

Brought forward - - - - - - - - £265..5..4 3/4

Sundry Orders for the services of the Assessors
for the year 1789 - - - - - £8..15..4
do do paper - - - do - - - - - 3..7
8..18..11

Sundry Orders for entertaining Bridge Comm.ee while setting old Bridge Committee Account - - - - - 2..13..9

Sundry Town debts for entertaining Assessors while making Rates &c - - - - - - - - 3..7..0

Sundry Town debts for entertaining Selectmen - - - - - - 6..0..9

Total Amount of Town Expences for the Year 1789 - £286..5..9 3/4

Additional Orders for debts
due prior to the year 1789 - - - - -

Sundry Orders for support of John Adams - - - - - 3..0..3

an Order for Ballance of Acct for the support
Tim.o Tarmer through Life - - - - 20..0..0

an Order for support of do 1787 - - - - - - 1..19..0

Sundry Orders for Bridge plank & work in 1788 - - - 6..19..10

Sundry Order for support of Jasher Wyman 1788 - - 8..0

do do Dotorny do - - - - - - - 3..1..7

£35..8..8

Total Amount
Errors Excepted _____ £ 321..14..5 3/4

John Maynard
Timothy Whiting Jr.
Daniel Stevens
} Selectmen of Lancaster

Lancaster March 1.st 1790.

Entered & Examined

Eam Heard Town Clerk

Warrant for Meeting Augt 16. 1790

(Seal) Worcester ss.

To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally qualified to Vote in Town affairs Greeting

You are required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to meet at the Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 30th day of Augt instant at 3 Clock in the Afternoon to Act on the following articles (Viz)

First to Chuse a Moderator to Govern your Meeting.

2d. To see if the Town will consent to have a hospital opened under the direction of Israel Atherton Esqr. for the purpose of Inoculating for the Small pox at the House of Jotham Woods in said Town. he obtaining said Woods consent thereto or act or transact any thing relating thereto

3d To see if the Town will accept the report of their Committee chosen for the purpose of preparing a plan of a Grammer School house & estimate the expences of the same agreable to a former Vote of said Town or to act or transact any thing relating to the building said School house

4th. To see if the Town will grant the petition of Benjn Houghton & others or act or transact any thing relating to the same.

Lancaster Augt. 16. 1790.

By order of the Selectmen.

Edwd Heard Town Clerk

Worcester ss. Augt. 30. 1790. I have warned the Freeholders & other agreably to the within Warrant by posting the same 14 days previous to this date

Edwd Heard.

Proceedings of Meeting Augt. 17

Lancaster Augt. 30th. 1790.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster being legally assembled agreable to Law proceeded to pass the following Votes —

1st Voted & chose Peter Green Moderator.

2d Voted that a Hospital be opened conformable to the Article in the Warrant for that purpose

3d On the 3 Article Voted to pass it over for the present

4th On the 4th Article Voted to pass it over —

5th Voted to adjourn this Meeting till the 1st Monday in October Next 3 Clock P.M. —

Peter Green Moderator

Attest. — Sam Heard Town Clerk

Warrant for Meeting Oct. 1790

(Seal) Worcester ss. To the freeholders & other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally Qualified to Vote in Town affairs Greeting — as also those qualified to Vote for a Federal Representative — You are required to meet at the Meetinghouse in said Town on Monday the 4th day of October Next at two Clock P.M. to act on the following articles (Viz)

1st To give in your Votes for a federal Representative.

2d To chuse a Moderator to govern your Meeting for Town affairs.

3d — To see if the Town will reconsider a Vote passed at a former Meeting which directs the Schoolhouse to be placed on the hill near the Revd Timothy Harrington —

4th — To see if the Town will direct the Schoolhouse to be built on the Common Land Southside of the Road opposite to Genwal Greenleafs Garden or to Act or transact any thing relating to building or placing said Schoolhouse

Lancaster Sept. 15th. 1790.

Selectmen { Timothy Wetherbee Jr. / John Maynard / Daniel Sterns

Proceedings of a Meeting Octo. 4th 1790

Lancaster October 4th 1790.

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town being this day legally assembled passed the following Votes Viz.

1st Voted & Chose Samuel Ward Town Clerk &c.

2. The Votes for a Federal Representative being called for brought in sorted & counted were as follows Viz.

For the Hon.d John Sprague 35.
Hon.d Hon.a Grout 13.
Hon.d Artimus Ward 6.
Hon.d Tim.o Paine 6.

3. Voted & Chose Mr. Peter Green Moderator.

On the 3.d Artikl in the Warrant the Question being put to see if the Town would reconsider the Vote which passed at a former Meeting directing that the school house be built on the hill near the Rev.d Tim.o Harrings and it passed in the affirmative.

On the 4th Artikle Voted that the School house shall be built on the Common Land south side of the Road opposite General Greenleafs Garden.

The question being put to see if the Town would accept of a report of a former Committe respecting the plan and dimentions of a School house & it passed in the negative. The Town then Voted & Chose Deacon Josiah Mallard Tim.o Whiting Jr.r Esq.r Saml Ward, Benj.a W. Willard & Eli Stearns for the purpose said purpose & the said Committe reported that said School house be 28 feet Long & 22 feet in breadth with 12 feet posts. with nine Windows 24 Squairs of Glass each & a porch in front 12 feet by 7. with 2 windows 12 Squairs each two Chimneys one at each end of said house & to be seated within as the Committe for building said house shall direct Voted to Accept of the above report.

School house Plan

Voted & Chose Deacon Cyrus Fairbank Capt. Jn.o Maynard and Mr. Jonas Lane Committe to contract with some person or persons to build the said School house agreable to the above said plan as Accepted by the Town this day.

Committe

Last by Voted to dissolve this Meeting.

Peter Green Mod.r

Attest

Saml Ward Town Clerk P.T.

(L) Worcester ss.

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Meeting

To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally qualified to vote in Town affairs Greeting.

You are required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to meet at the Meeting house in said Town on Friday the twenty sixth day of November Instant at one Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles (viz)

1st. To give in your Votes for a Representative to represent the District of Worcester in Congress of the United States

2d. To chuse a Moderator to govern your meeting for Town affairs.

3d. To see what Measures the Town will take in order to have the paper money funded which they are proposed by or act or transact any thing relating thereto

Lancaster Nov.r 12th 1790.

John Maynard
Timothy Whiting Jr.
Selectmen of Lancaster

Lancaster Novem.r 26th 1790.

Meeting for Said Purpose

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town being legally assembled proceed as followeth (viz) the Votes for a Federal Representative for the District of Worcester being Called for counted & sorted there appeared

for the Hon.d Fisher Ames 36 Votes
for the Hon.d Jon.a Grout --- 13.
Hon.d Tim.o Paine --- 1
Total --- 50

Voted & Chose Cap.t John Maynard Moderator.

2d. Voted to fund the paper money now the property of the Town.

Voted to dissolve the Meeting

John Maynard Moderator

Attest --

Edm.d Heard Town Clerk

Warrant for Meeting Jan.y 10th 1791

(Seal) Worcester ss.

To Nathaniel Willard Constable of Lancaster Greeting —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at the Meetinghouse in said Town on Monday the seventeenth day of Jan.y Inst.t at one Clock in the afternoon to Act on the following Articles Viz —

First to chuse a Moderator to govern the Meeting

2.d To see what measures the Town will adopt in order to have their Lottery revived or Act or transact any thing relating to the same —

3.d To see what Measures the Town will take in further attempting to settle the dispute between this Town & the Town of Sterling relative to the support of Poor & Method of Taxation or act or transact any thing relating to the same —

Lancaster Jan.y 10th 1791

Selectmen { Timothy Wilkins Jr.
John Maynard.
Daniel Stearns.

Preambulation Line

Lancaster Dec.r 30th 1790

We the Select Men of Leominster and Lancaster have this day preambulated the line between the two Towns & renewed the bounds —

Witness our hands { David Wilder
Simn. Boutell } Leominster.
Daniel Sterns
John Maynard } Lancaster.

Lancaster Jan.y 17th 1791.

Meeting Jan.y 17th 1791

At a Legal Meeting of the Town of Lancaster agreeable to the Warrant held this day at the Meetinghouse they proceeded and passed the following Votes Viz. —

Voted & Chose Col.o John Whiting Moderator.

On the 2d. Article Voted & Chose John Sprague, Timothy Whiting Jn.r & Edmund Heard Esqrs. a Committe to draft a petition to the General Court requesting of that Hon.d body a revival of Lancaster Lottery; also chose Capt. Samuel Ward & Capt. John Maynard, in addition to the above Committe who are authorized to chuse a sub. Committe from among themselves, two of whom shall attend the Gen.l Court at their next Sessions to assist Capt. Eph.m Carter Representative for said Town in presenting said petition & carrying the same into Effect.

Lottery Matters.

On the 3d. Article Voted & Chose Col. John Whiting Col. Edmund Heard & Mr. Moses Smith a Committe to meet a committe of the Town of Sterling (if they see fit) to settle the dispute between said Towns of Sterling & Lancaster, relating to the support of Poor, & the method of taxing those who live on the line between said Towns —

Sterling Committe &c

Voted to adjourn this Meeting till the 14th day of February next then to meet at the Meetinghouse at two Clock afternoon.

John Whiting Moder.d

Attest.

Edm.d Heard Town Clerk

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Meeting Feby 14. 1791

Lancaster Feby 14th 1791

The inhabitants of said Town being the Day legally assembled agreable to adjournment from the 17th of Jany proceeded as followeth Viz:

Voted & Chose Capt John Maynard Moderator P.T.

2^d The Committe chosen at the last meeting to Join a Committe of the Town of Sterling in adopting a plan for the support of Poor & method of Seating those who live on the line between the Towns of Lancaster & Sterling reported which report was Accepted & the Town then Voted that Edmund Heard be impowered to meet a Committe of the Town of Sterling to join with them in draughting a petition to the General Court to ratify the aforesaid agrement so reported which agrement and petition to be copy'd is on the Files of the Town.

agreement Lancaster & Sterling

John Maynard Moder^r P.T.

Attest Edmund Heard Town Clerk

Warrant. March Meeting 1791

(Seal) Worcester ss.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally qualified to Vote in Town affairs.

Greeting.

You are required to meet at the Meeting house in said Town on Monday the seventh day of March next at Twelve Clock at Noon to Act on the following Articles (Viz)

1st To chuse a Moderator to govern your Meeting.

2^d To chuse Annual Town Officers for the Year Ensuing

3^d To give in your Votes for a County Treasurer.

4th To give in your votes for a County Regester

5th To Grant Monies to defray the Necessary Expences of the Town the year Ensueing.

Continued.

Art.t 6th To see if the Town will grant the petition of the Georgehill squadron (so called) respecting the Latin Grammer school or act or transact any thing relateing thereto —

7th To see if the Town will grant the petition of Mr. Nathaniel Willard respecting abatement of Taxes.

8th To see if the Town will grant the petition of Simon Willard & others or act or transact any thing relating to the same.

9th To see if the Town will adopt any measures for finishing the inside of the Meetinghouse.

10th To see if the Town will consent that Israel Atherton Esq.r may renew his license for Inoculating for the small pox.

11th To see what method the Town will adopt for collecting highway Taxes which shall not appear to be worked out or act or transact any thing relating to the same —

Lancaster Feb.y 18th 1791. John Maynard
Timothy Whiting Jr. } Select Men
Daniel Stearns.

Worcester ss. The Freeholders & Others Inhabitants of said Town of Lancaster have been legally warned by the above Warrant being posted 14 days previous to this date.

March 7th 1791.

Attest. Lam.n Heard Town Clerk

Annual Meeting
March 7th 1791.

Lancaster March 7th 1791.—

The Town of Lancaster being thus Day legally assembled agreeably to a Warrant for the purpose herein recited as follows (viz):—

1st Chose Mr. Peter Greene — Moderator
2d Voted to accept the Prudential Account which was laid before the Town —
3d Voted to accept the forgoing Vote and that the Prudentials remain under the inspection of the Town till Oct.r —
4th Chose Joseph Wales Town Clerk —
5th Chose Mr. Ebenr. Torrey Treasurer —
6th Chose Mr. Peli. Stearns
Lieut. Jno. Whiting
Mr. Minks Nealhal } Select Men. —
7th Chose Messrs. Josiah Bowers
Benj.a Wyman
Josiah Sawtell } Assessors —
8th There were eighty seven Votes handed in for Samll. Allen Esqr. Worcester County Treasurer —
9th There were eighty five Votes handed in for Col. Danl. Clap County Register of Deeds —
10th Chose Messrs. Phs. Walker
Ebenr. Torrey
Danl. Rugg Jr.
John Carter
Danl. Willard
Aaron Lyon
Cyprn. Fairbank
Jona.n Whitney Jr.
Steph.n Wilder
Willm. Locke } Surveyors High Ways —
11th Chose Capt.n Jno. White & Danl. Rugg Field-Drivers
12th Chose Messrs. Jon.a Sawtell Jr. & Willm. Phelps Fence-Viewers
13th Chose Messrs. Saml. Wilder Jr. & Willm. Phelps Surveyors Staves
14th Chose Messrs. Danl. Rugg & Jon.a Whitney Surveyors Clapboards & Shingles
15th Chose Mr. Moses Sawyer Deer-Reeve —
16th Chose Messrs. Josh.a Fletcher & Danl. Rugg Tything-Men —
17th Chose Capt.n Saml. Forbis Packer of Beef —
18th Chose Mr. Joseph Carter Sealer Leather —
19th Chose Mr. Jon.a Whitney Sealer Weights & Measures
20th Chose John Sprague Esqr.
Jno. Prince Houghton
Col. Edmund Heard } Fish Wardens — or Ran
Mr. Eli Sterns
Increased

21st Voted to Raise three hundred pounds L300 to defray the Expences which may accrue to the Town the ensuing Year one hundred $

22. Voted to Raise twenty pounds L20 for the purpose of Repairing Bridges, & Highways

23. Voted to pass over George Hill Squadron petition to April meeting —

24th Voted Jos Atherton Esq. liberty to renew his Licence for the Incculation of the Small-Pox —

25th Voted to pass over Simon Willards petition to April Meeting —

26th Voted to pass over Nath. Willards petition to April Meeting —

27th Chose Messrs Peter Greene, Cyrus Fairbanks & Phin. Coolidge Jun. a Committee to see what repairs are immediately wanting on the Inside of the Meeting House to make them, and report at the next meeting — What further repairs will be necessary the ensuing Year —

28th Voted to pass over the 11th Article in the Warrant for this meeting — to April meeting —

29th Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April next at 2 o Clock P.M. then to meet at this place —

Peter Greene Moderator

Test Copy Joseph Wales Town Clerk —

Personally Appeared

Benjamin Wyman Esqr —
Josiah L. Bowers Do
David Harley Windsor
Abner Pollard Do
Tim.o Allen Surv.r H. Ways
Nath.l Willard Constable

and took the Oath for the faithful Performance of the several Offices into which they were Sworn before me — Joseph Wales T. Clerk

Town's Meeting March 10th 1794

Warrant & Ret.
for warning
People out of
Town
1791.

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in s.d County — Greeting. —

You are, in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, chicild to warn and give Notice unto Esther Sowman and Elizabeth Sowman and Esther Sowman Jr. Nancy Whitcomb, Miriam Patten, Lucy Johnson, Charlotte Houghton, Elizabeth Peacock, Peggy Goold, Polly Hazen, (Transient Persons — or those Places of Habitancy is not known) who have lately come into this Town — for the purpose of residing therein — not having obtained the Towns consent therefor — that they respectively depart the limits thereof within fifteen Days — And of this Precept with your doings thereon — you are to make return into the Office of the Clerk of the Town — within twenty Days next coming; that such further proceedings may be had in the Premises as the Law directs — Given under our hands and Seals at Lancaster aforesaid, this thirteenth Day of January in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one

Jno. Whiting Jr. } Selectmen
John Moorcraft } of
Danl. Sterns } Lancaster.

A true Copy —
Test Joseph Wales
Town Clerk

Worcester ss. January 31st 1791 — In obedience to the within Warrant — I have given Notice to — and duly warned the within Named Esther Sowman, Elizabeth Sowman, Esther Sowman Jr., Nancy Whitcomb, Miriam Patten, Lucy Johnson, Charlotte Houghton, Elizabeth Peacock, Peggy Goold & Polly Hazen — by reading the within Warrant to them respectively — or serving them with an Attested Copy thereof —

Nathaniel Willard Constable
of the Town of Lancaster.

A true Copy —
Test Joseph Wales
Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

Warrant to
for Warning
People on
of Town
1791

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in said County— Greeting—

You are, in the Name of the Common-Wealth of Massachusetts, directed to Warn and give Notice unto Benajah Bigham, Jonathan Bernard, John Dollison— Edward Johnson, John Todd, Joseph Pierce, James Elder, Asahel Tower, Daniel Green Brown, Aaron Johnson, Stephen Pratt & Joseph Rogers (Transient persons, or whose place of habitation is not known) who have lately come into this Town, for the purpose of abiding therein— without having obtained the Towns consent therefor,— that they respectively depart the limits thereof— with their Children and all others under their care, respectively within fifteen Days— and of this Precept with your doings thereon, you are to make return into the Office of the Clerk of the Town, within twenty Days next coming— that such further proceedings may be had in the premises, as the Law directs— Given under our Hands & Seals at Lancaster, aforesaid this thirteenth Day of January— in the Year of our Lord— one thousand— seven hundred and ninety one— Test Nathaniel Willard Jun.

John Maynard
Daniel Heaven
} Selectmen of Lancaster

Worcester ss. January 31st 1791— In obedience to the within Warrant— I have given Notice to, & duly Warned the within Named Benajah Bigham— Jon.a Bernard, John Dollison, Edward Johnson, John Todd, Joseph Pierce, James Elder, Asahel Tower, Daniel Green Brown, Aaron Johnson, Stephen Pratt & Joseph Rogers— by Reading the within Warrant to them respectively— or serving them with an Attested Copy thereof— Nathaniel Willard Constable of the Town of Lancaster—

True Copy
Test Joseph Wales T. Clk.—

Warrant N.B.
To Warn peo-
-ple out of Town
1791.

Worcester ss. } To Joseph Wales Constable of the
Town of Lancaster in said County — Greeting

You are, in the Name of the Common-Wealth of Massachusetts directed to Warn and give Notice unto Abner Mitchel, Beaver Corbit, James Taylor and Nancy Hall (Transient persons — or whose place of Habitation is not known) Negroes, or Persons of Colour, who have lately come into this Town, for the purpose of abiding therein, not having obtained the Towns consent therefor, that they respectively depart the limits of the same — with their Children — and all others under their care respectively — within fifteen Days — And of this Precept with your doings thereon, you are to make return into the Office of the Clerk of the Town, within twenty Days next coming — that such further proceedings may be had in the premises as the Law directs — Given under our hands and Seals at Lancaster aforesaid the fifteenth Day of June — in the Year of our Lord — one thousand seven hundred & ninety one. —

Jno. J. Whiting Jun.
John Maynard
} Selectmen of Lancaster

Worcester ss. } In obedience to the within Warrant — I have given Notice to and duly Warned the within Named Abner Mitchel, Beaver Corbit, James Taylor, and Nancy Hall by Reading the within Warrant to them respectively — or serving them with an attested Copy — Jan.y 31.st 1791 —

Nathaniel Willard Constable of the Town of Lancaster —

True Copy Test Joseph Wales Town Clerk.

Warrant to warn people out of Town 1791

Worcester ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in said County — Greeting —

You are, in the Name of the Common-Wealth of Massachusetts directed to Warn, and give notice unto Samuel Stevens, Samuel Sanderson, Abner Whitney, Daniel Godfrey - Jonathan Fenny - Oliver Fenny, Jonathan Stone, William Horley - John Hawks - Salmon Godfrey - Oliver Chase, Timothy H. Curtis, Israel Butler, Simon Brent, and William Flood Jun. (transient persons - or whose place of Habitation is not known) who have lately come into this Town for the purpose of abiding therein, and not having obtained the Towns consent therefor, that they respectively depart the limits thereof, with their Children, and all others under their care respectively within fifteen Days, and of this precept, with your doings thereon - you are to make return into the Office of the Clerk of the Town, within twenty Days next coming - that such further proceedings may be had in the premises as the Law directs - Given under our hands and Seals at Lancaster aforesaid, this thirteenth Day of January - in the Year of our Lord - one thousand seven hundred & ninety one —

Timothy Whitney Jun. } Selectmen
John Moorehead } of
Daniel Sterns } Lancaster

Worcester ss.) January 31st 1791 - In obedience to the within Warrant - I have given notice and duly warned the within Named, Samuel Stevens, Samuel Sanderson, Abner Whitney, Jonathan Fenny, Oliver Fenny, Jonathan Stone, William Horley, John Hawks, Salmon Godfrey, Timothy H. Curtis, Israel Butler, Simon Brent, & Will.m Flood Jun. by reading the within Warrant to them respectively - or serving them with an Attested Copy thereof - Nathaniel Willard Constable of the Town of Lancaster,

True Copy Joseph Wales Town Clerk.

Warrant 11th
for Warning
People and
Town 1791.

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in said County. — Greeting —

You are, in the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts, directed to Warn & give Notice unto Oliver Garry, Jacob Tinker, Hezen Eager, Joseph Leach, Joseph W. Page, Josiah Stearns, John Pollard Jr. Solomon Sawyer and Jon., Titley Whitcomb, Eleazer Robbins, Peter Whitney, Ebenr Goddard, Aaron Philbrick, Peter Fenery & Joseph Eagers (Transient persons or whose place of Habitancy is not known) who have lately come into this Town, for the purpose of abiding therein, not having obtained the Towns consent therefor, that they respectively depart the limits thereof within fifteen Days — And of this Precept with your doings thereon, you are to make return in to the Office of the Clerk of the Town, within twenty Days next coming, that such further proceedings may be had in the Premises as the Law directs — Given under our hands & Seals at Lancaster aforesaid the thirteenth Day of January, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & ninety one. —

Timothy Whiting Jun.
John Haynard
Daniel Stearns
} Selectmen of Lancaster.

Worcester ss. January 31st 1791.

In obedience to the within Warrant, I have given Notice, as directed, by reading the within named Jacob Tinker, Hezen Eager, Joseph Leach, Joseph W. Page, Josiah Stearns, John Pollard Jun, Solomon Sawyer and Jun., Titley Whitcomb & Joseph Eagers by reading the within Warrant to them respectively, or serving them with an attested Copy thereof —

Nathaniel Willard Constable of Lancaster.

Fees 6/7 Test Joseph Wells Town Clerk —

Warrant 11th
for Warning
People on the
Town 1791.

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in said County. — Greeting —

You are, in the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts, directed to Warn & give Notice unto Samuel Carey, Thomas Bridel, William Hudson, William Allen, Josiah Coolidge, John Pollard, John Carruthers, Henry Rich, Bridges, James Capen, Jacob Philbrick, Asa Houghton and David Chambers Transient Persons who have lately come into this Town, for the purpose of abiding therein not having obtained the Towns consent therefor, that they respectively depart the limits thereof — — (Carried over.) —

(Cont.) Thereof in the Their Children and all others
under their Care, respectively, within fifteen Days -
and of this Precept with your doings thereon - you are
to make return into the Office of the Clerk of the
Town, within twenty Days next coming, that
such further Proceedings may be had in the Premises
as the Law directs. Given under our hands &
Seals at Lancaster aforesaid, this thirteenth Day of January in the Year of our
Lord one thousand seven hundred & ninety one -

Timothy Whitney Jun.
John Moynard
Daniel Sheam
Selectmen of Lancaster

Worcester ss.
January 31st 1791 -

In obedience to the within Warrant,
I have given Notice to and duly warned the within
Named Samuel Carey - Thomas Burdet, William
Hudson, Philemon Allen, Josiah Coolidge, John Pollard,
John Conover - Hezekiah Bridge, James Capen,
& Jacob Bilborn by reading the within Warrant
to them respectively - or serving them with an Attested
Copy thereof - Nathaniel Willard Constable of Lancaster
Fees Cash Cost

Joseph Wheeler Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of
Lancaster in said County - Greeting. -

Warrant No. 7
Town Meeting
2d Monday of
January 1791.

In the Name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts - you are hereby directed to Warn and give Notice unto
Moses Haywood, Aaron Lyon, John Melvin, Isaac Mayson,
Peter Parkman, Samuel Whitemore, - Samuel Whitney -
Elias Blood - and Abel Beckwith (Transient Persons,
or whose place of Habitation is not known) who have
lately come into this Town for the Purpose of abiding
therein - not having obtained the Towns consent therefor
that they respectively depart the limits of this
with their Children - and all others under their Care
respectively, within fifteen Days - And of this Precept
with your doings thereon - you are to make return
into the Office of the
Clerk of the Town, within twenty Days next
coming - that such further proceedings may be
had in the Premises - as the Law Directs -
Given under our hands and Seals at Lancaster
aforesaid, this thirteenth Day of January - in the
Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & ninety one -

Timothy Whitney Jun. Selectmen
John Moynard of
Lancaster

Contd over -

Brought Over -

Worcester ss. In Obedience to the within Warrant I have given Notice to and duly Warned the within Named Moses Heywood Esqr Lyon, John Melvin, Peter Parham, Sam.l Whitemore, Sam.l Whitney, Ebenezer Blood & Abel Beathwith, by reading the within Warrant to them respectively or by serving them with an Attested Copy - Nathaniel Willard Constable of Lancaster June 1791 Copy - Test Joseph Wheeler Town Clerk -

Warrant W.m D For Warning Inhabitants of Town 1791.

Worcester ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in said County - Greeting -

You are, in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, directed to Warn & give Notice unto Michael Newhall, James Lane, David Jones, Samuel Jones, Eli Steams, Nathaniel Eaton, Asa Warner, Ebenezer Hewes, Benjamin Bailey, William Bridge, Henry Hemenway & Jonathan Johnson (Sampson Simons or whose place of Habitation is not known) who have lately come into this Town for the purpose of abiding therein and having obtained the Towns consent therefor, that they respectively depart the limits thereof with their Children, and all others under their Care respectively, within fifteen Days, And of this precept with your doings thereon, you are to make return into the Office of the Clerk of the Town within twenty Days next coming - that such further proceedings may be had in the premises as the Law directs - Given under our Hands & Seals at Lancaster aforesaid this thirteenth Day of January in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety one -

Timothy Whitney Jun.r Selectmen
John Heywood of Lancaster.

Worcester ss. June 13th 1791. In Obedience to the within Warrant, I have given Notice to, and duly Warned the within Named Michael Newhall, James Lane, David Jones, Sam.l Jones, Eli Steams, Nathaniel Eaton, Asa Warner, Ebenezer Hewes, Benjamin Bailey, William Bridge, Henry Hemenway & Jonathan Johnson, by reading the within Warrant to them respectively - or serving them with an Attested Copy -

Nathaniel Willard Constable of Lancaster.

Test Copy - Test Joseph Wheeler Town Clerk -

Warrant W.m D For Warning Inhabitants of Town 1791.

Worcester ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in said County - Greeting -

You are, in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts directed to Warn & give Notice unto the Hon.r John Hancock, late of Boston -

Brought Over / Rochester in the County of Plymouth, Esq.— and Sheriff of the County of Worcester— John Maynard late of Framingham in the County of Middlesex Esq.— Edmund Heard late of Worcester, in the County of Worcester Esq.— Ebenr. Sorey late of Boston in the County of Suffolk Gentleman, William Stedman late of Cambridge in the County of Middlesex Esq.— Manlius Pike late of Brookfield in the County of Worcester Gentleman, and Joseph Weeks late of Braintree, in the County of Suffolk Gentleman, who have lately come into this Town for the purpose of abiding therein— not having obtained the Town's consent thereto— & they respectively desiring the same— You are therefore with the Constables of the several Towns where they dwell forthwith to warn them to depart this Town within forty Days— And of this precept with your doings thereon, you are to make return in to the Office of the Clerk of the Town within twenty Days next coming— that such further proceedings may be had in the premises as the Law directs— Given under our hands and Seals at Lancaster aforesaid this twenty eighth Day of Feby in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & ninety one

Worcester ss. March 14th 1791— Saml. Whiting Junr. / Daniel Heard } Selectmen Lancaster

In Obedience to the within Warrant I have given Notice to, and duly Warned the within Named John Sprague, Edmund Heard, Jos. Maynard, Ebenr. Sorey— Wm. Stedman, Manlius Pike & Joseph Weeks— by reading the within Warrant to them respectively— or leaving them with an Attested Copy thereof—

Test Copy— Attest— Saml. Willard Constable of Lancaster / Joseph Weeks Town Clerk

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Worcester ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Leicester in said County— Greeting.

You are in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, directed to Warn and give Notice unto Jonathan Barrett, Lemuel Barrett, Nesbeth Bennett, Jeremiah Tyler, Samuel Flood, John Campbell, Benjamin Flood, Francis Cook, John Warner, Ebenezer Pratt, Ebenr. Pratt Junr. & William Flood whose Place of Habitancy is not known— who have lately come into this Town for the Purpose of abiding therein (without

Warrant dated 14th March 1791

Town, thereon, not having obtained the Towns consent therefor, that they respectively depart the limits thereof with their Children and all others under their Care within fifteen Days. This of this present with your doings thereon you are to make return into the Office of the Clerk of the Town within twenty Days next coming. That such further proceedings may be had in the premises as the Law directs. Given under our hands and Seals at Lancaster aforesaid this twenty eighth Day of February in the Year of our Lord seventeen hundred & ninety one.

Worcester ss. March 8th 1791

Timothy Whiting Junr
Daniel Stearns
John Maynard
} Selectmen of Lancaster

Sir Pursuance to the within Warrant I have given Notice to, and duly Warned the within Named Persons by reading the within Warrant to them respectively or serving them with an Attested Copy thereof.

Nathaniel Willard Constable of Lancaster.

Test Copy Attest Joseph Wyles Town Clerk

Warrant to Warn the People out of Town 1791

Worcester ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster in said County Greeting.

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby Required to Warn and give Notice to Jacob Sweetser, Josiah Flagg, Isaac Fisher, John Starr & Abner Pollard, whose Place of Habitancy are not known, who have lately come into this Town for the purpose of abiding therein, not having obtained the Towns consent therefor that they respectively, with their Children and all others under their Care, depart the limits thereof within fifteen Days. And of this Precept with your doings thereon you are to make Return into the Office of the Clerk of the Town, within twenty Days next coming - that such further proceedings may be had in the premises, as the Law directs. — Given under our hands & Seals at Lancaster, this second Day of March - in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & Ninety one —

Worcester ss. March 11. 1791.

Timothy Whiting Junr
Daniel Stearns
John Maynard
} Selectmen of Lancaster.

In Obedience to the within Warrant I have given Notice to and duly Warned the within Named Persons, by Reading the within Warrant to them respectively or serving them with an Attested Copy thereof. —

Nathaniel Willard Constable of Lancaster.

Test Copy Attest Joseph Wyles Town Clerk.

Town Treasurer Receipt for proper Money

Lancaster Dec.r 27th 1790—

Recieved of John Maynard, Daniel Stearns & Simeon Whiting Junr Selectmen of the Town of Lancaster, two Thousand four Hundred and eighty four & 00/100 Dollars Paper Dollars being the Property of said Town of Lancaster for which Sum to be accountable as Treasurer of said Town. Ebenezer Sorrey.

2484 Dol.

Lancaster Nov.r 1st 1790.

Recieved of John Maynard, Daniel Stearns & Simeon Whiting Junr Selectmen of said Town seven Thousand nine hundred & ninety two 00/100 Dollars Paper Dollars, as the Property of said Town also received of said Selectmen eight hundred & two 00/100 Dollars supposed to be Counterfeit being rolled up through the Bill as the Property of said Town—

7992 Dol.— 802 Bad— Eben.r Sorrey Treasurer.

Entered March 28th 1791— Test Copy

Joseph Wheeler Town Clerk

S. Whiting Jr. Bond for fine of Treasurer

Lancaster 28th July 1791—

Recieved of Simeon Whiting Junr Esqr one of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Worcester ten Shillings for a fine he incurred Ebenr Sorrey Town Treasr 10/

March 28th 1791— Test Copy Joseph Wheeler Town Clerk

Town Rate 1790 for the use of the Town

Record of Sums assessed upon the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster 1790 for the use of Town

Highway Tax	120-0-0
Town Tax	272-16-0
County Tax Surplus	— 3 —
State Tax Surplus	— 11-10
Minister's Tax	177-3 4
	470-14-10

Sign'd John Whiting
Josiah Bowers
Benj.a Hyman
Selectmen

Cal.b Hand Town Clerk

Entered March 28th 1791

Test Copy—Attest Joseph Wheeler Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting 1791.

To the Inhabitants and other Freeholders of the Town of Lamaster, legally qualified to Vote for Governor, Lt. Governor, Counsellors and Senators, and other Town affairs — — —

Annual
April Meeting
1791
Pinned in file

At a meeting of the Inhabitants and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, legally Warned and held on Monday - March 6th 1791 - at one of the P. M. - (in presence of the Select Men) -

1st The Votes handed in for Governor - were for his Excellency John Hancock Esqr - - - - - - - - 66-

2. The Votes for Lt. Governor were - for the Honble Samel Adams Esqr - - - - - - - - - - - - - 59
For the Honble Moses Gill Esqr - - - - - - - 4-

3. The Votes for Senators were as follows - (viz) -
For the Honble Major Gill Esqr - - - - - - - - 67
Samuel Bowker - - - - - - - - 23
Abel Wilder - - - - - - - - 67
Jona. Wright - - - - - - - - 10
Jno. Prince - - - - - - - - 16
Benja. Reed - - - - - - - - 48
Benja. Howard - - - - - - - - 2
Seth Washburne - - - - - - - - 55
Jno. Newhall - - - - - - - - 47-
John Stephenden - - - - - - - - 1
David Bigelow - - - - - - - - 1
Simon Skrimgeteole - - - - - - - 1
Jona. Warner - - - - - - - - 1

4th Chose Mr. Peter Green - Moderator for Town affairs &c

5th Voted to adjourn the March Meeting - which was adjourned to this - for one hour - - - - - - - -

6th Voted that the Inhabitants of the Town of Leominster - Should work out their Highway - Rates, under a Surveyor to be chosen for that purpose - - - - - - -

7th Chose Mr. Ebenr. Sawyer Grand Juror for the year ensuing -

8th Voted that the Treasurer enforce the Collections of the prior Taxes to the present year - as follows - -

9th Taxes for the Year 1789 - by the 1st of Sept. next - -

10th Taxes for the Year 1790 by the 1st of March 1792 - -

11th Voted to reconsider the Vote respecting the Collection of 1789 Taxes by the 1st of Sept. next - - - - -

12th Voted that the Treasurer enforce the Collection of the Taxes for 1789 - by the 1st Day of Dec. next -

13th Voted to refer the Accounts of Dea. Israel Atherton & former Collectors & Officers Wrt. Town - for Docking and Missing the Wife of Jno. Fairbanks in her Last Sickness to the Select Men - to do with them as they think fit -

14th Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to examine the Accounts & the Committee for Repairing the Meeting House - and report at the next Meeting - -

Carried down - - - - - -

Time limited for payment of Taxes - for 1789 & 1790 - N. Willard Collr

Proceedings of Town Meeting for 1791 Continued

Annual Meeting March 7th 1791

Warrant for May Meeting 1791

Accepted —

15th Voted to choose a Committee of three to examine the Body Secte - to see if any money be disposed of or not - and report at the next Meeting —

16th Chose Mess.rs Moses Sawyer - Cyrus Priesbank & Josh.a Carter Jun.r a Committee for the above —

17th Chose Simon Willard Surveyor of Highways for the new Squadron - South of Deers - Bridge. —

Adjournment of this Meeting agreed. —

1st - Voted to choose a Committee of three, to Examine the Accounts of the Selectmen and Overseers the preceding Year. —

2d Chose Mess.rs Sam.l Ward - Ebenr. Forrey - & Josiah Atherton Esqr. a Committee for the above —

3d Voted to pass over George Hill Squadrons petition to May Meeting. —

4th Voted to choose a Committee to Examine the Accounts of Mr. Nath.l Willard Collector. —

5th Chose the Selectmen & Mess.rs Benj.a Hemphill & Josh.a Carter Jr. a Committee for the above purpose —

6th Voted to choose a Committee of three to settle the difficulty between Simon Willard - Benj.a W. Willard & the Moore Willard's School Squadrons. —

7th Chose Mess.rs Peter Greene, Jon.a Whiting Jun.r and Sam.l Ward - a Committee for the above —

8th Voted to Reduce the Collection of the Taxes for the ensuing Year. —

9th Chose Mr. Nath.l Willard Constable for the ensuing year - who bid off the Collection of the Tax at 2½ p.r C.t

10th Voted to choose two Wardens for the ensuing Year —

11th Chose Mess.rs David Horley & Ebenr Forrard - Wardens —

12th Voted that the old Committee proceed to compleat the Repairs of the Inside of the Meeting House in the most prudent manner. —

13th Voted to adjourn this said Annual Meeting, to the Day on which the Selectmen shall warn the Inhabitants to meet at the ensuing Annual May Meeting - at 2 o'Clock P.M. - at the Meeting House —

Peter Green Moderator —

True Copy of the proceedings -

Attest - John Jos.h Wales Town Clerk.

Worcester ss. To the Freeholders - and other Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, legally qualified to Vote for Representatives to represent you in the Gen.l Court of the Commonwealth - and also those qualified to Vote in Town affairs -

Greeting —

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

You are hereby required to meet at the Meeting house in in s.d Lamaster on Monday the 9th day of this Instant May at three o'Clock P.M. to act on the following Articles (viz)

1st To give in your Votes for a Representative to Represent you in the Gen.l Court the ensuing Year

2d To choose a Moderator to govern your Meeting for Town affairs

3d To see what method the Town will adopt to repair the Road leading from the Brook near Jn.o Mennys to Dennis Bridge so called and make it less dangerous travelling

4th To see if the Town will chuse the Bridge Committee to agree with Jn.o Dollison for Stones furnished for a Bridge or act or transact any thing relative thereto

Lamaster May 2d 1791

Eli Stearns
Mark Newhall
Jn.o Whiting
Selectmen Lamaster

Warrant & Continued

Lamaster May 9th 1791 I have Warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of s.d Town to meet agreeably to the above Warrant by posting the same as the Law directs

Joseph Waller Town Clk

We the Selectmen of Lamaster and Stirling have perambulated the Line between the said Towns and find them as follows (viz) Beginning at a heap of Stones near an old Stump at Lamaster thence East 19½ Sou.th one hundred and sixty rods to a Stake & Stones; thence south 6° West two & an half miles & forty five rods to a heap of Stones one West of Jonas Sombanks House; thence South 11° West three Miles & eight rods to a White Oak Tree & small Stones, running West of the Chimney in Sylas Shuttons House allowing 1° West variation on the Compass in all the angles

Jon.a Brinley
Jon.a Moor
Eben.r Pope
Jon.a Robbins
Selectmen of Sterling

Perambulation of the Line between Lamaster and Sterling 1791

Dec.r 19 1820 to 1791

Jn.o Whiting
Mith.l Newhall
Eli Stearn
Selectmen of Lamaster

Entered by

Joseph Waller Town Clk

Proceedings of May Meeting 9th 1791

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lyman legally Warned and held at Monday the 9th Day of May 1791 — the proceedings as follows (viz)

In presence of the Selectmen —

1st Voted to choose a person to Represent the Town the ensuing Year at the General Court to be holden at Boston.

2d Chose Capt Ephm Cutler for Sd Representative. —

3d Voted to set on the 3d 4th & 5th hours in the Noon of for this Meeting —

4th Chose Lt Col John Atherton Moderator. —

5th Adjourned this meeting for one hour. —

March Meeting opened. —

Chose Lt Col John Atherton Moderator (to the Dft Sd Meeting

1st adjourned to this time (P.M.) Voters Given being Sick. —

2d Voted that George Hill Squadron be allowed to with-draw their Petition — which was accordingly withdrawn —

3d Voted to accept the Report of the Committee for abating the Taxes of Sundry persons mentioned in said Report —

4th Voted to refer the Petition & papers relating Capt Willard & Simeon Jones again to the Selectmen. —

5th Voted to accept the report of the Committee for examining the Provincial Accounts of Selectmen, the proceedings of —

6th Voted to Dismiss the Petition of Samson Willard & others. —

7th Voted to Dismiss the 11th Article in the Warrant for March Meeting —

March Meeting Dissolved. —

Adjourned & Special Meeting opened. —

1st Voted to choose a Committee consisting of one person each School Squadron to take up the business of Schooling at large — and report at the next Meeting. —

2d Chose — Eli Stearns, B. Atherton Esq, John Merryman, John White Junr, Jona White Junr, Capt Fairbanks } Committee { Ens Moses Sawyer, Parson Lyon, Jasper Goodwin, Joseph Gowell, Willm Sinclair, Steph Wilder. —

3d Voted to pass over the 8th Article in the Warrant for Adjd Meeting —

4th Voted to accept the Verbal Report of the Committee for examining the Body Scales which was then made (viz) "It is the opinion of your Committee, that there cannot be any Improvement thereof from the Scales before the Pulpit in the Meeting-House. —

5th Adjourned this Meeting to the first Monday in June next at 3 o'Clock P.M. — — —

May Meeting again opened. —

Continued — — —

Boundary &c.

6th Voted that the Bridge-Committee be authorized to allow and pay the Account of John Dollerson for Stone furnished for building a Bridge. —

7th Voted to choose a Committee to examine the Road leading from John Manning's Brook to Daniels Bridge — and to Report at the next Town-Meeting how much Rate could in that manner said Road shall be Repaired. —

8th Say they She Committee shall consist of three. —

9th Chose Edmund Read, John Maynard & Timothy Whiting Junr Committee. —

10th This Meeting adjourned to the 6th Day of June next immediately after the conclusion of Abvd Meeting. —

Test Copy attest
Joseph Wales Town Clerk.

John Whiting Moderator.

Navy Meeting Continued 1791

The Committee for Repairing Lamentation Meeting-house, make the following Report of the Expenses attending the Same. — — — (viz) — Paid to —

Mr. Peter Green for Boards Clabboards Nails & Labour	£22-4-4
Lyman Fairbanks for Do — Shingles — Do & Do	37-7-1
Capt. Wm Carter for Clapboards Nails Boards Clabboards & Paints &c	48-12-2
for Do Whiting for Labour — — — — —	53-4-7
Eli Stiger for Do — — — — —	52-17-1
Jonas Wyman for Shingles & Cap & Boards Workmen	14-13-6
Benj. Houghton for Nails Hinges & Labour —	10-11-—
Edmund Read for Boards & Clabboards —	10-10-3
Elisha Rice for carting Boards from Winchendon & Nails	3 18-2
Oliver Carter for Nails & Shingles — — — —	7-6-—
David Hosley for Labour — — —	10-11-—
Jona. Prentice for Lumber for the Porches —	5-2-—
James Elder for Labour Boards & Doors — —	8-5-—
Rd. £12 allowed Messrs Whiting and Co Stearns for Carting the Windows —	12-—-—
	£297-7-2
	256-18-8
Due from the Town	£40-8-6

Report of the Committee for Repairing the Meeting-house 1790. —

Pew-ground Sold for Lamentation Meeting House 4th Sept. 1791

Peter Green, Lyman Fairbanks, Capt. Carter Junr } Committee for Receiving

The following is an Account of the Sale of the Pew-ground in Lamentation Meeting-house —

Sum total — — £256-18-8

Lumber — Amount of the same &c —

Peter Green, Benj. Houghton, Capt. Carter Junr } Committee of Sales

Sum Copy of the Return — attest Joseph Wales Town Clerk.

Report of the Committee for abatement of Taxes May 9th 1791

Committee's Report of Abatements of Taxes &c ——

To be abated

Jona Rob. Graves Esq.	6-11	Peter Beaman Esq.	16-1
Thos. Ruggles	1 - 5	Dan'l Moore	10 -
Jasmin Davis	6 - 11	Moses Wood	17-2
Jacob Swain	2-1-4½	Benj'n Priest	1 12-8½
Otis Prentice	16-1	Jacob Sheldon	1-7-6½
Moses Dickinson	3-11-0½	Sam'l Knowlton	17-2
Isaac Lovell	8-3¼	Moses Whitehall	8-4-4
	£1-14-5-1¼	Nath'l Randall	£1-13-11½
			£5-10-11½

The Committee for Abatement of Taxes, beg leave to Report, that there is the above, Left hand Column, right to be Abated — and those in the right hand Column to give Orders to the Collector — and take his Obligation to pay them when collected — — W.m D.d Vas if the Committee

Nath.l Randall.

Entered by Joseph Wheeler Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting June 6th 1791

Worcester ss. To the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified & Greeting.

In the Name of the Common-wealth of Massachusetts.

Yours are required to meet at the Meeting-house in Lancaster on Monday the 6th Day of June next at 3 O'Clock P.M. to Act on the following Articles (viz) —

1. To Choose a Moderator to Govern your Meeting —
2. To See if the Town will Regulate the manner of calling Town-Meetings in future —
3. To See if the Town will accept of the Report of their Committee, chosen for the purpose of obtaining a Method of Schooling — agreeably to the late School-Laws or act or transact any thing relative to Schooling —
4th To See if the Town will direct their Committee for Sale of Town-Lots to dispose of a Town in the Grant of Gallop, which was sold at Vendue — and have not been paid for according to the terms on which it was Vended —
5th To See if the Town will allow the Accounts of Mr. Joseph Sawyer for work done at Bridges, over their Proportion of the Lottery-Bridge Tax or act or transact any thing relative thereto.

W.m D.d Vas of the Select Men Joseph Wheeler Town Clk.

Lancaster May 21st 1791 —

June 6th 1791 — I have Warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Lancaster to meet agreeably to the above Warrant — by posting the same sixteen Days at the Meeting-house in s.d Town —

Lancaster Joseph Wheeler Town Clk.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster being legally assembled at the Meeting-house on the 6th of June 1791 — Proceeded as follows (viz) —

1st Chose Lt. Col. John Whiting Moderator —

2d Voted that the manner of summoning Town-Meetings in future, shall be by posting a Warrant (signed as the Laws direct) at the Meeting-house, to stand at least fourteen Days — except in cases of Emergency when the Select-Men may direct the Constable — or any other person to Warn the Inhabitants Personally.

Adjourned this Meeting for half an hour —

Afternoon Meeting opened — A. Greene Moderator —

Adjourned this Meeting for one hour —

Many Meeting opened — Jno Whiting Moderator —

1st Voted to accept the Report of the Committee for examining the Road between Jno Munroe's & Benetts Bridge —

2d Chose Col. Edmd Rice a Committee to cooperate with Thos Bullard Surveyor of Highways to carry s.d Report into effect —

3d Voted that the Select-Men draw Orders on the Treasurer for payment of Labour done on said Road — upon a Certificate of the said Committee of same date — to the amount of twenty pounds —

Many Meeting Dissolved —

Continuation of June 6th Meeting —

3d Voted not to accept of the Report of the Committee for Schooling A Lough —

4th Reconsidered the preceeding Vote —

5th Voted that the Money appropriated for Schooling be Divided in the same manner as last year — and that the Latter-Grammar-School be kept upon the same principles as last year —

6th Voted that £147 be appropriated for the purpose of Schooling the ensuing year —

7th Dismist the 4th Article in the Warrant for this Meeting —

8th Dismist the 5th Article in the Warrant for this Meeting —

June Meeting Dissolved —

Proceedings of April Meeting continued —

1st Voted to accept the Report of the Committee for Selling Pew-Ground —

April Meeting Dissolved —

A true Copy attest

Joseph Wales Town Clk

John Whiting Moderator

Peter Green Moderator

Proceedings of Town Meeting June 6th 1791

Manner of warning Town meeting regulated

Adjournment of 1/2 h. Meeting

Afternoon Meeting

June Meeting again opened

April Meeting again opened

Report of the Committee on Walnut-Swamp Road May 23. 1791

Your Committee appointed to inspect the Road from Benetts Bridge (so called) through Walnut-Swamp to Mr John Munroes have attended the Business and beg leave to Report that from the pendulous Bed Stake of s.d Road and the Situation of the High Way Squadrons in that District — together with the frequent

Report of the Committee ... to Survey Road ... Town —

frequent and Repeated Complaints of Travellers — Your Committee are of the Opinion that it is necessary to have the Sum of twenty pounds immediately expended in Causeway said Road over and above the Highway Tax in said Squadron — in order to make it safe, and tolerable passing in future. — Your Committee add their Opinion of the Propriety of having some suitable Person appointed as a Committee to survey on the business in conjunction with the Highway Surveyor of s^d Squadron — and they to be Recompensed for their doings, upon the same principles as the Bridge Committee of said Town. are

Edmund Sheard
Timothy Wheeler Junr
John Maynard

Committee.

Lancaster May 23^d 1791

Entered by Joseph Wales T. C. —

Report of the Committee for selling Pews Granted Jun 6 — 1791

	Oliver Carter		John Carter 2^d	David Hartley	Edmund Sheard	Nathl Willard	
Daniel Rugg Jr.	Your Committee for selling Pews Granted at the Meeting-house — beg leave to report as follows — That they have made sale of — and received						Eliakim Rugg & Thomas Carter
Jon^a Whitney	the pay for — (by order of Town) — the Pews in the Gallery to the Person whose Names are prefixed in this Column — The Pews below and that where the Women — Stairs stood to Westward						Nathl Willard & John Wilder
James Calder	Joh^a Bullen & James Lane — that where the Men's Stairs stood to West^d Edm^d Sheard and Eli Stevens — The Pews to be on the Body — Seats — on the Women's Side — that next the Alley to West^d Peter Green & Daniel Shipman the other to Dr Benj^a Houghton — those on the						Nathl Wyman
John Sheepard							Peter Carter Jr.
Nathl Wyman	Men's Side that next the Alley to Town House the other to Dr Benj^a Farnsworth —						Edm^d Sheard
	Jun^e 6th 1791	Test Timothy Wheeler Junr	Peter Houghton Junr	Benj^a Whiting	} Committee		

Entered by Joseph Wales Town Clerk —

Warrant for Town-Meeting Septr 27th 1791

Seal

To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster — — — Greeting.

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are required to meet at the Meeting-house, on Tuesday the 27th Inst^t at 3 o'Clock P. M. to act on the following Articles vizt —

1st To chuse a Moderator to govern the Meeting —

2^d To see if the Town will grant the Petition of Joh^a Fletcher and others, relative to reconsidering a Vote of the Town, respecting the support of the Latin-Grammar-School, and to establish a plan for a just & more equitable Distribution of the Money Given for

the Support of Schools— or act or transact any thing relative thereto. — — —

Assessors Rate 1791 Taxes

Pursuant to a Vote of the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster at their annual meeting in March 1791 we have Assessed the Polls and Estates of the said Inhabts the sum of three hundred pounds seventy five pounds six shillings & 8d of which is abated for the Revd Timy Hemingways Salary and have committed the same to the Collector of said Lancaster viz Nathl Willard with a Warrant in due form of Law for collecting & keeping in the same to Mr Ebenr Torrey Treasurer of said Lancaster & his successor in Office on or before the first day of March next ensuing.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands at Lancaster this twentieth Day of Augt AD 1791

Joseph Bowers
Benjn Wyman
Josiah Sawtell
Josiah Sawtell
} Assessors

NB There is an exemption on the List of Town Taxes of one pound four shillings & 9d which sum we have instructed the Collector to pay unto the Town Treasurer also two shillings and 9d on State Taxes To Joseph Wilder Esq Town Clerk Copy Attest Joseph Wilder Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 14 91

Seal Worcester ss. To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are required to meet at the Meeting house on Monday the 14th Day of Novr Instt at 4 O Clock P.M. for the following purposes viz

1st To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting
2d To see if the Town will establish a Road as laid out the 29th 8th mo through Lands of Amos Allen Aaron Priscott & Nath Willard
3d To see if the Town will establish a Road as laid out the 29th 8th mo from Moses Sawyers by Sandy Pond to John Bellows or Act or transact any thing relative to said Roads Given under my hand and Seal pr Order of the Selectmen at Lancaster this 1st Day of Novr AD 1791 Joseph Wilder Town Clk

Lancaster Novr 14th 1791 Then read the Freeholders &c to meet agreeably to the above Warrant by posting the same in the Town Clerks Joseph Wilder Town Clk

Proceedings of the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster at a meeting adjourned to this 14th Day of Nov.r 1791 at 2 o'Clock P. M.— Chose Timothy Whiting Jun.r Moderator— Voted Unanimously— Adjourned this meeting for half an hour.— The Town proceeded on the Warrant for a Meeting of the present Day— 4 & P. M.— as follows—

1st. Chose Timothy Whiting Jun.r Moderator.—
2d. Adjourned the Septr Meeting for one quarter of an hour.—
3d. Voted that the Town consent to the Alteration proposed in the 2d Article— Provided it shall be made and continued free of expense to the Town.— —
4th. Voted to dismiss the 3d Article in the Warrant.—
Dissolved this Meeting— Timothy Whiting Jun.r Modr.—

Septemr Meeting again opened.—

1st. Voted to accept the Report of the School Committee and negatived.— — —
2d. Voted to accept the Report of the School-Committee, as a Substitute for a former Vote of the Town to appropriate School-Money for the present Year.—
Dissolved this Meeting Timothy Whiting Jun.r Mod.r P. T.—
A true Copy of the proceedings— Attest Jon.a Hale Town Clk.

Adjourn'd of Sept. Meet. 91 — Proceed.

Proceed. Town Meeting Nov.r 14th 1791

Report of the School-Committee Nov.r 14th 1791

Lancaster November 14th 1791—

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster— Gentlemen— Your Committee— chosen at a former meeting to take into the matter of Schooling at large— and devise a plan for the more equal and equitable distribution of the Money raised in said Town for the support of the Schools, have attended that service, and beg leave to report as follows— (viz.) — — —

Schools —

That the Latin-grammar School be stationary in some central place in Town— and be supported as the Law directs (viz) by the Town at large— and not partially by Individuals. —

That a compensation to those Squadrons, which are small, and by reason of their local situations cannot receive that benefit from the Latin-grammar-School, that others in the more remote parts

Report of the School-Comm.rs continued 1791 1000.— 14

of the Town may— The sum of £14— in lieu of the fifteen pounds that has been abstracted from the Neck & George-Hill Squadrons proportion of the £100— and appropriated towards the support of the Latin-grammar-school— shall be abstracted from the following Squadrons (viz)— The Neck, George-Hill and Old-Common— in the following proportions (viz) from the Neck— seven pounds ten shillings— from George-Hill Hill five pounds— and from the Old-Common ~~thirty~~ Shillings— and the ~~Old~~ divided among the following Squadrons (viz) Mr. Moses Sawyer— Mr. Wm. Fowler— Mr. Stephn. Wilder Lieut. Cyrus Fairbanks— Mr. James Goodwin— Mr. Aaron Lyon— Col. Henry Hunkell— and Mr. Willm. Willard— in the same proportion as the £100. raised for the support of the English-Grammar-School has heretofore been divided— and appropriated to them—

On this plan it is presumed the appropriation of the fourteen pounds will be rendered useful and beneficial in promoting learning— and the good effects of it, may sensibly felt by those Squadrons for whose benefit it is designed—

Willm. Fowler	Mich.l Hansell
Moses Sawyer	Aaron Lyon
Henry Hunkell	James Fairbanks Jr.
James Goodwin	Jonas Capen Jr.
	Israel Thornton

Warrant for annual March Meeting 1792.

(Seal) To Mr.— Joseph Sinclair Town Clerk— Greeting.

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Dorchester, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the fifth Day of March next at twelve o'Clock at noon to act on the following Articles — viz. — — —

1st. To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting —
2d. To choose annual Town Officers for the year ensuing.
3d. To choose a Committee for viewing & prescribing for the Latin-Grammar School Masters. —
4th. To choose a Committee for visiting & inspecting Schools.
5th. To give in their Votes for a County Treasurer. —
6th. To grant & Money to defray the necessary expenses of the Town the ensuing year, and appropriate the same. —
7th. To see what method the Town will adopt for Schooling the ensuing year. —

Continued anno —

8th To see if the Town will make some allowance to Dan.l Pratt for Lopes supplied in the Frame for the Latin Gr. School-house.

9th To see if the Town will grant the petitioner of Amos Allen & others, relative to making of a road laid out by the Selectmen from Amos Sawyer's by the west side of Sandy-Pond to the road leading from Amos Sawyer's Mills by John Dollivers or act or transact any thing relating thereto. —

Given under our hands & Seals this seventeenth day of February — one thousand seven hundred and ninety two —

John Whiting
Nath.l Marshall
Eli Sterns
} Selectmen of Lancaster —

Warrant for Town Meeting

Lancaster March 5th 1792 — Then warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the said Town to meet agreeably to the above Warrant — by posting the same at the Meeting-house fourteen Days —

Joseph Wilder Town Clerk.

Seal

To Mr. Joseph Wilder — Town Clk —

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet at the Meeting-house in said Town — on Monday the twelfth day of March next — at two o'Clock in the afternoon — to act on the following Articles — viz. — — — — — — — — —

1. To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting. —
2. To see if the Town will agree to settle a Colleague with the Rev.d Timothy Harrington — or make any provision for supplying the Desk — by hiring preaching in future when Mr. Harrington's want of health renders him unable to perform — or act or transact any thing relating thereto. — —
3. To see if the Town will accept the report of their Committee for hiring preaching the ensuing year. —

Given under our hands & Seal this seventeenth day of February A. D. one thousand seven hundred & ninety two.

Nath.l Marshall
Eli Sterns
John Whiting
} Selectmen of Lancaster

Warrant for Town Meeting posting with Copies & B. S. Town — for March 12th 1792

Month 5th 1792 I have warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Lancaster to meet agreeably to the above Warrant — by posting the same at the Meeting-house fourteen Days —

Joseph Wilder Town Clk.

Annual Meeting – Proceedings of 5th 1792.

Proceedings of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, legally met at their Annual Meeting – March 5th 1792. – – – – – – – –

1st. Chose Timothy Whiting Junr. Esqr. – Moderator. ——

2d. Voted to choose a Committee to examine the Presidential Account of the Town the preceding Year. ——

3d. Voted that the Committee shall consist of three. ——

4th. Chose – Messrs. Samuel Ward / John Sprague 2d / Timothy Whiting Junr. } Said Committee. ——

5th. Chose Joseph Wales Town Clerk. ——

6th. " Mr. Ebenr. Torrey Treasurer. ——

7th. Voted to choose three Selectmen for the ensuing year.

8th. Chose – Messrs. John Whiting / Abel Stearns / John Sawtell } Selectmen. —

9th. Voted to choose three Assessors for the ensuing year. —

10th. Chose – Messrs. Samuel Ward / Timothy Whiting Junr. / John Sprague 2d } Assessors.

11th. Test taken by Secretary – Mr. Samuel Wilder had 93 Nine Votes.

12th. Chose – Messrs. Gardner Wilder / Ebenezer Torrey / Asa Warner / Elisha Bragg / Israel Bamheler / John Hawkes / Oliver Torrey / Cyprus Fairbank / Abner Pollard / Stephen Wilder / Samuel Ward / Jabez Sawtell } declined the Vote. Surveyors of Highways.

13th. Chose Col. Edmund Rice Grand Juror for the Year ensuing. –

14th. " Timothy Whiting Junr. Esqr. Grand Juror for the Sessions. –

15th. " William Stedman Esqr. / Messrs. Merick Price / Joseph Wales / Benj.a Wilder } Petit Jurors.

16th. " Messrs. Jonathan Boynton / Henry Hunnewell } Field Drivers.

17th. " Messrs. Thomas Gates / John Hawkes } Fence Viewers.

18th. " Messrs. Samuel Wilder Junr. / Abijah White } Surveyors of Staves. —

19th. " Mr. Moses Sawyer Deer Reeve. —

Carried over. ——

Proceedings brought forward. ——

20th Chose Mess.rs Jathniel Hitchcock
Daniel Gay
} To bring Mem. —

21st " Capt.n Samuel Joslyn Packer of Fish ——

22d " Mr. Joseph Cooper Sealer of Leather —

23d " Mr Jonathan Whitney Sealer of Weights & Measures

24th Voted to adjourn Choosing Wardens till after Meeting ——

25th " to choose a Committee for hiring & providing for a Town Grammar School Master. —

26th " that S.d Committee consist of three.

27th Chose John Sprague
Israel Atherton
Will.m Stedman Esquires
} Said Committee. —

28th Voted to choose a Committee of three to visit Town Schools —

29th Chose John Sprague
Israel Atherton
Will.m Stedman Esquires
} Said Committee. —

30th Voted to excuse Mess.rs Sprague, Atherton & Stedman from serving as Committee for hiring & providing for Town Gr. School Master. —

31st Chose Mess.rs John Whitney
Samuel Ward
Edmund Heard
} For the last mentioned Committee

32d Voted to pass over the 6th Article in the Warrant to the Adjournment of this Meeting. ——

33d Voted to pass over the 7th Article in the Warrant to the Adjournment of this Meeting. ——

34th Voted to choose a Committee of three to consider the Petition of Daniel Rugg — respecting the Erection of the P. G. S. House.

35th Chose Mess.rs Jonathan Whitney
Eli Storrs
Daniel Goodwin
} Said Committee. —

36th Voted to choose a Committee of three to view the Lands and consider of the expediency of laying out a Road from the end of the Road by Moses Sawyers to the Road leading to Sawyers Mills by John Dickinsons and to determine the place where, & ascertain the Expence attending the same. —

37th Chose John Sprague Esq.r
Mess.rs Moses Smith
Thomas Gates
Cyrus Chamberlain
Edmund Heard
} & reconsidered the Vote —
Said Committee. ——
} reconsidered the Vote —

38th Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in April next. At three o'Clock P.M. Then to meet at this place. — —

Jonathan Whitney Town Moderator

Test Ephraim Wales Town Clerk.

Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Sutton qualified to vote in Town affairs legally warned & held at the Meeting House in said Sutton on Monday the 6th day of March 1820 at 10 o'Clock A.M. for the following purposes viz.

1st Chose Jonathan Whitney Moderator for the ensuing year.

2d Chose Ephraim Wales Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

3d Chose Mess.rs Jonathan Whitney
Eli Storrs
Daniel Goodwin
} Selectmen for the ensuing year.

4th Chose Mess.rs Jonathan Whitney
Eli Storrs
Daniel Goodwin
} Assessors for the ensuing year.

5th Chose Mess.rs Jonathan Whitney
Eli Storrs
Daniel Goodwin
} Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year.

6th Chose Mess.rs Jonathan Whitney
Eli Storrs
Daniel Goodwin
} Town Treasurer for the ensuing year.

7th Chose Mess.rs Jonathan Whitney
Eli Storrs
Daniel Goodwin
} Town Collector for the ensuing year.

8th Chose Mess.rs Jonathan Whitney
Eli Storrs
Daniel Goodwin
} Constables for the ensuing year.

9th Chose Mess.rs Jonathan Whitney
Eli Storrs
Daniel Goodwin
} Surveyors of Highways for the ensuing year.

10th Chose Mess.rs Jonathan Whitney
Eli Storrs
Daniel Goodwin
} Fence Viewers for the ensuing year.

11th Chose Mess.rs Jonathan Whitney
Eli Storrs
Daniel Goodwin
} Hog Reeves for the ensuing year.

12th Chose Mess.rs Jonathan Whitney
Eli Storrs
Daniel Goodwin
} Deer Reeves for the ensuing year.

13th Chose Mess.rs Jonathan Whitney
Eli Storrs
Daniel Goodwin
} Pound Keepers for the ensuing year.

14th Chose Mess.rs Jonathan Whitney
Eli Storrs
Daniel Goodwin
} Sealers of Leather for the ensuing year.

15th Chose Mess.rs Jonathan Whitney
Eli Storrs
Daniel Goodwin
} Sealers of Weights & Measures for the ensuing year.

16th Chose Mess.rs Jonathan Whitney
Eli Storrs
Daniel Goodwin
} Surveyors of Lumber for the ensuing year.

17th Chose Mess.rs Jonathan Whitney
Eli Storrs
Daniel Goodwin
} Field Drivers for the ensuing year.

18th Chose Mess.rs Jonathan Whitney
Eli Storrs
Daniel Goodwin
} Tythingmen for the ensuing year.

19th Chose Mess.rs Jonathan Whitney
Eli Storrs
Daniel Goodwin
} Surveyors of Boards for the ensuing year.

20th Chose Mess.rs Jathniel Hitchcock
Daniel Gay
} To bring Mem. —

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22d " Mr. Joseph Cooper Sealer of Leather —

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38th Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in April next. At three o'Clock P.M. Then to meet at this place. — —

Jonathan Whitney Town Moderator

Test Ephraim Wales Town Clerk.

Timothy Hemingways Salary 1792.

Lancaster March 5. 1792. A Statement of the Revenue of Timothy Hemingways Salary, amounting to the Prices of the subsequent Articles in November and December 1791 & 1792

			O.S.	
Rie 26/3 p.r Bush.l	£5	p.r Shilling	£131-5--	
I. Corn 24/ p.r Do.	7-10	p.r Do.	150--	
Beef 1/4 p.r lb	12	p.r Penny	160	
Pork 2 1/2 p.r Do.	3	p.r Do.	130--	
			£371 5	
Reduced to Lawful Money is			£296-3-4	

Josiah Bowers
Benj.a Wyman
Josiah Fletcher
} Assessors

Jona Cushing Assess.r — Josiah Winslow Town Clerk.

Town Affairs Town 1792.

Lancaster March 12th 1792. Personally Appeared
Mr. Ebenr. Torrey Treasurer —
Dr. Cyrus Fairbanks Surveyr. of H. Ways —
Mr. Jona. Whiting Sealer of Weights & Measures
John Sprague
Samel. Ward
Josiah Whiting Junr.
} Assessors —
Capt. Samel. Ward, Mr. Nehemiah Wright, Mess.rs
Pollard — Sawyers Highways — Mr. Joseph Carter
Sealer of Leather — Capt. Heb.k Gates Fence viewers —
Col. John Whiting — Mr. Eli. Stearns — Sale Assessors —
Mr. John Nichols Fence viewers —
Mr. Oliver Sawyer Surveyr. of H. Ways — Majr. E. Wilder Do.
Mr. John Carter Scalerman — 31.
Mr. Benjamin Wyman — Constable March 2d. 1792 —
Mr. Jabez Prescott Surveyr. Highways — Sett. 32

and were severally sworn to the faithful performance of the several Offices to which they were chosen — before me J. Winslow J.C.

Report of Committe for Preaching in 1791.

Statement of Expenses in hiring preaching the year past in Lancaster viz:

W.m Allen Bridgford 9 Sabbaths	D. 30/-	£13	10
Mr. Shaddens 11 Harris's	Do	7	10
Revd. Joseph Davis 1	Do	1	1
Mr. Samuel C. Saunders 5	Do 30/-	7	10
Boarding the Gentn. & Horsekeeping 12 wk. 4 D.	13/	8	4
Services of the Committee for supplying y.e Desk		3	2 4
Order to Capt. Goss for Wood last y.r in 1790		6	8
		£41	4

Lancaster March 12th 1792 — Ebenr. Allen, Cyrus Tenbrook, Benj.a Houghton, Israel Atherton, John Whiting — Committee.

Entered by Josiah Wilder T. Clerk

Proceedings of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally met on Monday the Twelfth day of March D.d seventeen hundred & ninety two — Town Meeting Proceedings of March 12th 1792

1st Chose Capt. John Whiting Moderator he, excusing himself there Mr. Ebenezer Allen in his Stead.

2d Voted on the 3d Article to accept the Report of the Committee for hiring preaching the year past.

3d Voted on the 2d Article Voted — That a Collection during the life of the Rev.d Timothy Harrington be settled as soon as the minds of the Inhabitants and circumstances of the Town will permit and after to continue Pastor & Minister among us — and that a Committee of seven be chosen to treat with the Revd. Mr. Harrington — touching his inclination respecting such Collegue — and also touching himself and the Town; and to supply the Desk for the space of twelve weeks and to settle with Parsons as Candidates for settlement as aforesaid — with Parsons as Candidates for settlement as aforesaid.

4th Chose — John Sprague Esqr. Deacn. John Whiting, Joseph Atherton Esqr. Deacn. Josiah Ballard, Capt. Samuel Ward, Capt. Ephraim Carter Jun.r, Deacn. Benjamin Houghton — Committee.

5th Voted to Dissolve this Meeting —

Ebenezer Allen Moderator

A true Copy — Attest Josiah Wilder Town Clerk.

March 12th 1792.

Warrant for Town Meeting April 2. 1792.

To Mr. Joseph Wales — Town Clerk — — — — Greeting —

(Seal) In the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts — You are hereby required to warn the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to Vote for Governor &c. — and in Other Town affairs, to meet at the Meeting house on monday the 2d. day of April next at two oClock P.M. to act on the following Articles — viz. — — — — — —

1st. To give in their Votes for Governor Lt. Governor Councellors & Senators for the year ensuing. — — — — —

2d. To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting for Town affairs —

3d. To see if the Town will choose a Committee — or authorize the present Bridge Committee, to compleat a Settlement with the Managers of Lancaster Lottery — or act — or transact any thing relating thereto.

4th. To see if the Town will grant the Petition of Mr. Wilkins Willard and others relative to opening the Road which begins at the south line of Mr. John Hawks and leads to Whites Bridge — or act — or transact any thing relating thereto.

5th. To see if the Town will set off the Inhabitants, as a Squadron for Highway work — as follows — viz — beginning at Nathaniel Willards — and travelling on the Road leading to Whites Bridge, or act — or transact any thing relating thereto.

6th. To see if the Town will act any thing relative to the old Statutes.

Given under our hands and Seal — at Lancaster, this sixteenth day of March A.D. one thousand seven hundred and ninety two — John Whitcomb / Eli Steams / John Carter } Selectmen of Lancaster —

To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster — qualified — Pursuant to the above Warrant to me directed — you are hereby Warned to meet at the time & place, and for the purposes therein Specified Joseph Wales Town Clerk.

(Worcester ss.) Worcester ss.

April 2. 1792. — I have warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster to meet agreeably to, and for the Purposes specified in the within Warrant — by posting the same fourteen Days at the Meeting-house in Lancaster.

Joseph Wales Town Clerk.

Town of Lancaster.

We your Committee, on the Allowance required by Daniel Rugg for losses sustained in the frame for the School house, beg leave to report, that, considering all the circumstances relative to the letting out materials at Vendue, and the failure of almost all that contracted to furnish materials, it is our opinion the said Daniel Rugg be allowed two pounds, in addition to the sum he contracted to put up the frame for ——

Apl. 2nd 1792.

Jona Whitney
Eli Stearns
James Goodwin

on Dond. Platt's
Petition
Apl 2. 1792

Proceedings of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lenox, legally warned and Assembled on Monday - April 2.d 1792 - In Presence of the Selectmen -

Proceedings of Town Meeting April 2. 1792.

		Votes
1.st For Governor. -	John Hancock Esq.r had	67.
	Francis Dana "	4
	Samuel Phillips "	1
	Elbridge Gary "	1.
For Lieut. Governor. -	Samuel Adams "	72.
For Councellors & Senators	Moses Gill "	42
	Samuel Baker "	24
	Abel Wilder "	26
	Jon.a Sumner "	16
	Timothy Newell "	42
	Benj.a Reed "	16
	Benj.a Heywood "	18
	Seth Washborn "	24
	Josiah Stearns "	1.

2.d Chose Timothy Hutchinson Esq.r Moderator -

3.d Voted to adjourn this Meeting for one hour -

Adjournment of March Meeting opened -

Adjournment of March Meeting Proceedings &c.

1.st Voted to accept the Prudential Account of the Selectmen for the preceding Year - with the Report of the Committee thereon. -

2.d Voted to Raise four hundred pounds L.M. to defray the necessary Expenses of the Town, the ensuing Year. -

3.d Voted to Authorize the Selectmen to hire some person to collect the Taxes of the ensuing year in that way they shall think most for the Interest of the Town. -

4.th Voted to Raise one hundred & twenty pounds L.M. to be worked out on the Highways the ensuing Year. -

5.th Voted that the price of Labour & Skill be the same, for the subsequent as it was the preceding Year. -

6.th Voted that the Committee for visiting Schools and the Ministers, be a Committee for providing a plan, or Proposal of the most equitable method for Schooling, the ensuing year, and to report at the next Meeting. -

7.th Voted to accept the Report of the Committee, on the Petition of Daniel Rugg, respecting his Lot on the Square of the Latin Grammar School Home. -

8.th Voted not to accept the Report of the Committee, on the Petition of Amos Allen & others, praying for a Road. -

9.th Chose Messrs. Jon.a Sweezey & Amos Sawyer Hogreves. -

10.th Chose Benjamin Wyman Constable. -

11.th Voted to defer the appropriation of Money, to May Meeting -

12.th Voted that this Meeting stand adjourned to the first Monday in May next. At three o'Clock P.M. then to meet at this place. -

From Over -

Proceedings of Ad. Meeting Continued.
April 2d 1792.

April Meeting Opened.

4th Voted that John Sprague Esq.r Capt. John Maynard & Timothy Whitney Jun.r Esq.r the present Bridge Committee be a Committee to complete a settlement with the former and present Managers of Lawrence Lottery, and to Draw from the said Managers, what Monies shall appear to be in their hands, and to appropriate the same agreeably to the Lottery Act - and to Discharge the said Managers in full in behalf of the Town.

5th Voted to choose a Committee of three to lay out a Road agreeably to the Petition of Nath.l Willard and others - and to report at the next Meeting.

6th Chose Messr.s Nath.l Willard, Benj.a Maynard & John Maynard Committee.

7th Voted to refer the 5th Article in the Warrant to the above Committee - they to examine the Highways Squedoons - & Report at the next Meeting.

8th Voted to choose a Committee of seven, to see what may be done respecting the old Stables.

9th Chose Messr.s Will.m Phelps, Eph.m Carlton, John Maynard, Nath.l Willard } John Sprague, Samuel Wilkinson, Jon.a Whitney } Committee.

10th Voted to Dissolve this Meeting.

Timothy Whitney Jun.r Moderator.

Copy
Attest Joseph Wales Town Clerk.

Report of the Committee on Dan.l Bugg's Petition - 1792

Town of Lawrence.

We your Committee, on the allowance requested by Daniel Bugg for Liberty sustained in the Freeme for L. G. School house beg leave to report - that, considering all the circumstances relative to the filling out Materials at Vendue, and the failure of almost all that contracted to furnish Materials - it is our opinion - the said Daniel Bugg be allowed two pounds, in addition to the sum he contracted to Dwell with the Freeme for -

April 2d 1792

Copy - J. Wales T. C.

Jon.a Whitney, Eb.r Stevens, Jasper Goodwin } Committee.

Report of the Committee on the Petition of Simon Allen & others - April 2d 1792.

Lawrence April 2d 1792 Your Committee, chosen the 5th of March last to view the Lands, and consider of the expediency of laying out a Road from the end of the Road leading by Moses Sawyers, to the Road leading by Nose Sawyers Mill by John Sollomons, and to determine the place where, and ascertain the probable Expence attending the same - beg leave to report that the Road lately surveyed by the Selectmen, for the purpose aforesaid, with a small alteration, is in our opinion, convenient - and will be attended with less expence to the Town of about seven pounds ten shillings -

Viz.t Land - - - - £ 1 - 10 - 0
Making the Road - - - - 6 - 0 - 0
£ 7 - 10 - 0

Thomas Gale, Edmund Flood, Moses Smith } Committee.

To the Town of Lawrence in Town Meeting assembled - Copy - J. Wales T. C.

Account of Expenditures of the Town of Lancaster from

March 7th 1791 - to March 3d. 1792. - - -

Sundry Orders for Support of Asher Sprout 6-13- ...
Sundry — Do — Clothing — Do — 2-6-11 15 6-11-
Sundry — Do — Do for support of Betty Bowers 4 11- ...
Sundry — Do — Clothing — Do — 17-10 5-8-10
Sundry — Do — Clothing — Do — 6-1-4
Sundry — Do for support of Jemima Osgood
Sundry — Do for support of Prudence Freeman 8-13-4
Sundry — Do — Clothing — Do — 12-3
Sundry — Do — Clothing — Do — 9-5-7
Sundry — Do — Doctring — Do —
Sundry — Do for relief of Ruth Glines & her Child 5-12-
Sundry — Do — Dorthy — Do — 5-12-
Sundry — Do for relief of Widd Dorothy Chipman — 8-
Sundry — Do for relief of Noah Dickinson — 16-11
Sundry — Do — Order for for relief of Joseph Priest —
Sundry — Do for relief of Willm Dickinson 1-13-4 44-12-11
Sundry — Do for relief of Thos Stoddard & agt the Inhabitants of Bolton — 15-11-
Sundry — Do for teaching L.G. School 15th April 1792 31-14-8
Sundry — Do — Boarding School Mistress — Do — 14-6-
Sundry — Do — Do — Do — 3-11-8
Sundry — Do — Ward for — Do — 11-6 50-3-10
Sundry — Do for repairing the Brick Dwg for Do — 100-
Sundry — Do for Support of L.G. School
Sundry — Do for Materials and Labour on L.G. School house — 26-15-9
Sundry — Do for Extra Work on the Highway — Walt Swan 20-
Sundry — Do for Plank & Timber for small Bridge — 17- 198-12-6
Sundry — Do for recommencing Town Line with Stirling and laying out a Road — 2-10-
Do Order for sweeping and taking care of the Meeting house —
Do Order for cost of Suit against the Town — 16-
Sundry — Do for Service of the Overseers — 7-14-2
Sundry — Do — Do Overseers of the Poor — 7-4-
Sundry — Do for entertainment of Selectmen Overseers Town Committee &c — 7-11-9½
Do Order for Paper —
Do Order for Interest due on Mortgage to Heath Heirs — 6-10-6¼
Sundry — Do for Revd S. Hemingway's Salary — 75-6-8
Sundry — Do for Supplying the Desk in Mr's and Dr's pews — 40-10-8
Sundry — Do for repairing the Meeting-house — 67-10-5 287-8-2½
Sundry — Do for Support of Simeon Stevens 1790 with its extras — 12-
Do Order for Support of Simeon Stevens — 1-12-
Sundry — Do for Mr & mending the Clock of the Meeting House — 4-4-8
Sundry — Do — Do — Do — 7-9
Do Order to Mr Chipman for Mr Whitney's Family Mr Wyman &c — 17-10 2½
Sundry — Do for a settlement of Taxes — 12-19-4½
Sundry — Do for suspension of collections Do —
Sundry — Do for collection — Do —
Sundry — Do for assessing Specific cost of Town last year — 1-10-8
Sundry — Do for assessing Specific cost of Town last year — 10-8
Do — Do for Ballance due to Chipman for Extra Services — 1-
Sundry — Do for support of the Family of Nancy Gill Separated Person 5-2-1¼
Do Order to Major Sawtell for Collecting Specific cost of — 1-6
Do Order to Capt Ballard for Support of Abel Whitney — 3 1-11½
Do Order to Wyman Chamberlain on a Committee in addition of the Town of Hampton in 1790 — 1-10-2
Do Order to Wyman Chamberlain on a Committee in addition Sterling vs Lancaster in 1790 — 10-2
Do Order for Making L.G. School house in 1790 — 5-12-8 55-8-8 515-14-4¼
Do Order for Boarding L.G. School master 1791 —

Lancaster March 30th 1792. — John Whitney, Li Stevens, Selectmen of Lancaster,

True Copy Joseph Wilder Town Clerk

Selectmen's Account for 1791

Report of the Committee on the Selectmen's Accounts Audited 1791

Your Committee appointed to examine the Selectmens Accounts for the year past have attended the business and report that they are accurately stated and accompanied with proper Vouchers which evidence suitable attention to the poor as well as the safety and Interest of the Town and which in the opinion of the Committee entitles them over and above their charge for services to the collective thanks of the Town.

Lemuel Hayward
Timothy Whitney Junr.
John Maynard
} Committee.

Lemuster May 30th 1792.

Copy — Jno Wales Jr. Clerk.

Account Current with the Treasurer for 1792.

Dr. Mr Thos Sorrey Town Treasurer in Acct with the Town of Lancaster — Cr.

		1792	
To Balance in the Collectors hands on Settlement last year	£597-2-1½	May 30 By Sundry Orders as Exhibited	£272-4-2½
To Ballance in his hands last year	0-0-0	do do do	195-6-1½
To Sundry Assessments		To Ballance of Collectors hands	432-4-8½
Town Tax 1791	224-13-4	do Treasurer hands	16-7
Minister &c 2d	78-6-8		
Additional sum	1-7-4		
Cash Paid him by Selectmen	7-6		
Cash received for Interest on the Loans from 3d Semitants to Jany 1792	1-4-11		
	£900-11-10½		£900-11-10½

Lemuster March 1792.

Copy — Jno Wales Jr. Clerk.

John Whitney
Eli Steams
} Selectmen of Lemuster.

Warrant for Town Meeting May 7th 1792.

(Seal) Worcester ss. To Mr Jona Jph Wales Town Clerk — Greeting.

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Lemuster qualified to vote for Representative, and in other Town affairs, to meet at the Meeting-house in said Lemuster, on Monday the seventh day of May next at 2 o'Clock P.M. for the following Town Affairs — viz —

1st To choose a Town to superintend them in the Genl Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday in May —

2d To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting for Town Affairs —

3d To choose a Committee to defend an Action at the Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Worcester on the last Wednesday in August next instituted by Edmund Heard Esq. against the Town as Agents and Trustees of Josiah Phelps or act any thing relating thereto. —

4th To act on the Petition of Wm Dr Pattison which prays the Town to take care of him & his Property. —

5th To act on the Petition of Benj. Wm Willard and others, which prays the Town to lay out a Road from Wm Willards Corner, west of his House, being the end of the road to Shirley Line. —

6th To see if the Town will assist some one that for distressing Mr Collector Willard from such Taxes, as he cannot collect, or act any thing relating thereto. Given under our hands and Seals at Lemuster this twenty sixth day of April A.D. 1792.

John Whitney
Eli Steams
} Selectmen of Lemuster.

To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Lemuster — Greeting —

Pursuant to the above Warrant — John Carter

you are required to meet at the time and place in said Warrant specified — Joseph Wales Town Clerk.

Worcester ss. May 7th 1792 — I have warned the Freeholders & Inhabitants of Lemuster to meet agreeably to this abovesaid Warrant by posting the same fourteen days at the Meeting house — Jona Wales T. Clerk.

Warrant for warning out Mehitabel Hewes Apl 1792

Seal } Worcester ss. To Mr Benjn Wyman Constable of the Town of Lancaster — Greeting

You are in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts directed to warn — and give notice unto Mehitabel Hewes a transient Person, who has lately come into this Town for the purpose of abiding therein, not having obtained the Town's consent therefor, that she depart the Limits thereof within fifteen Days — and of this Precept, with your doings thereon you are to make return into the Office of the Clerk of the Town, within twenty days next coming — that such further proceeding may be had in the premises as the Law directs — Given under our hands and Seal at Lancaster this twenty seventh day of April A.D. 1792 —

John Whiting
John Carter
Eli Stiles
} Selectmen of Lancaster.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the within named Mehitabel Hewes, to depart the Limits of said Town, by leaving a copy of the same at her Lodgment — and usual place of abode — attest — Benjn Wyman Constable —
Lancaster April 28th 1792. —

Proceedings of Town Meeting May 7. 1792.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally warned — holden on Monday May seventh A.D. 1792 — at 2 o'Clock after noon. —

1. Chose Capt. Eph.m Carter Junr. to represent the Town in the General Court the ensuing Year. —
2. Chose Capt. Samuel Ward — Moderator. —
3. Voted that the Inhabitants qualified and convened on this Occasion, do nominate and appoint John Sprague, Esqr. Whiting Jones & Israel Atherton Esqrs their Agents and Attorneys to defend in any Petition of Trespass on the Case, wherein Edmund Hazard Esqr is Plaintiff and Josiah Phelps is Defendant — and the Town of Lancaster is summoned as Trustee to the said Josiah Phelps — and to do all things for the benefit of the Town, which they, in said Action can do. —
4. Voted to dispense the 4th Article in the Warrant —
5. Voted to choose a Committee of three to view the Land and consider the Petition of Benjn W. Willard and others relative to a Road.
6. Chose Capt. John Moorcock
Deacon Benjn Houghton
Col. John Whiting
} Committee. —

Proceedings viewed over. —

Proceedings of Mar 7th Meeting continued 1792.

1st Voted to adjourn this Meeting for half an hour. —
2d Voted to reconsider the preceding Vote. —
3d Voted to choose a Committee of three to consider the 6th Article in the Warrant respecting Mr Collector Willards request for abatement of Taxes — they to report at the next Meeting. —
10. Chose Samuel Wood
Timothy Whitney Jun.
William Stedman Esquires } Committee. —
11th Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the second Day of July next then to meet at this Place at 3 oClock P.M. —

Samuel Wood Moderator. —

attest Joseph Wesley T.C.

Adjournment of March Meeting Proceedings of — 1792.

Adjournment of March Meeting opened — Deac Timothy Whitney Jun. Esquire in Moderator, the Town proceeded as follows, —
1st Voted to accept the report of the Committee on Schooling for the ensuing Year. —
2d Voted to accept the report of the Committee on a Road petitioned for by Matth. Willard and others, provided the Land through which said Road is laid out be no expense to the Town.
3d Voted that one hundred Pounds L.M. be appropriated for support of the English Grammar Schools and fifty Pounds three Shillings & ten pence L.M. for the Latin Grammar School for the ensuing Year. — —
4th Voted to Dismiss the 5th Article in the Warrant. —
5th Voted to Dissolve this Meeting. —

Timothy Whitney Jun. Moderator.

attest Joseph Wesley T.C.

Report of the Committee on Schooling May 7th 1792.

The Committee appointed by a Vote passed the second day of April 1792, for providing a plan, expressive of the most equitable method for Schooling the ensuing Year, do report — That, as no alteration in the boundaries of the several Squadrons, so as to put their several proportions of the School money on the most equitable plan, at present, seems impracticable. It is their opinion, that the several Squadrons as they now stand ought to draw their several parts of one hundred Pounds which may be raised for the support of the English G. Schools in the following proportions for the present Year, viz:

Nath.	£ 15-3-9		£ 54-3-6
George Hill	11-19-10	Ebenr Allen	7-1-10
Ed Common	5-10--	Dr Cyrus Ingraham	8-16---
Will. Willard	7-4-5	Ben Lyon	8-13-2
Simon Willard	2-1-1	Walnut Swamp	14-----00
James Goodwin	6-7-9	Will. Foster	3-1-10
Henry Hemblen	4-16-8	Steph. Wilder	£ 2-9-8
	£ 56-3-6		£ 100-----00

And should the Town appropriate one hundred and fifty pounds for Schooling, that fifty pounds of the same, be appropriated for the support of the Latin Grammar School, in the same way and manner as in the last year. —

Report of Com. on Schooling Continued. 1792.

John Sprague
Israel Atherton
William Stedman
Timothy Whiting Jun.
Samuel Read —
} Committee

May 7th 1792. —

Copy — J. Wales T. C.

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To W. Joseph Wales Town Clerk —

Warrant for Town Meeting July 2. 1792.

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at the Meeting House in Lancaster on Monday the second day of July next at 4 o'Clock P.M. to act on the following Articles viz —

1. To chuse a Moderator to Govern the the Meeting. —
2. To hear the report of the Committee for hiring Preaching the —
3. To see what further measures the Town will adopt for settling a Colleague with the Revd Timo. Flemington — or act any thing relating thereto also, to see what method the Town will take to supply the Desk in future. —
4. June 18 92 To see if the Town, at the request of Mr Matthew Willard, will employ some Person to complete the Collection of Insects now in his hands. —

Given under our hands & Seal. this thirteenth day of June A.D. 1792. —

John Whiting
Eli Sterns
John Foster
} Selectmen of Lancaster.

To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster — — — — — — — — — — Greeting. —

Pursuant to the above Warrant to me directed — you are warned to meet at the time & place — and for the Purposes therein specified Joseph. Wales Town Clerk.

June 16th 1792 —

July 2. 1792 I have warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Lancaster to meet agreeably to the within Warrant, by posting the same fourteen Days at the Meeting-house

Joseph Wales T Clerk.

True Copy Attest Joseph Wales T Clerk.

Perambulation of Shirley Line June 17th 1792.

We the Subscribers Select men of Lancaster and Shirley have perambulated the Line between Lancaster and Shirley this twenty seventh day of June A.D. 1792 — Began at a Stump and Stones on the Bank of Nashaway River north of the Bridge which forms the Corner with Lancaster Harvard & Shirley — and running on the north side of round Hill to a marked Pine Tree — thence to a marked Pine Tree, the east side of the Road — north of Elijah Wilds — thence passing two marked White Oak Trees — to a marked Pine Tree — on the east side of the Road north of Cumfebells house thence by a marked Pine Tree to an Oak Stadle & a Pile of Stones with three White oaks and three Black oaks Witnesses, which forms the corner of with Lancaster Lunenburg & Shirley — being a ~~Straight~~ Straight Line

John Whiting, John Maynard, Benj. Houghton, Joshua Longley, John Egerton } Selectmen & Committee of Lancaster

Selectmen of Shirley. —

True Copy Attest Joseph Wilder Town Clerk.

Proceedings of Adjournment of May Meeting July 2. 1792.

Proceedings of the Inhabitants of Lancaster at the Adjournment of May Meeting — July 2. 1792. —

1. Voted that the Committee on the Petition of N. Coleman Willard respecting abatement of Taxes be authorized to sit on the Business as soon as may be — and report at the next meeting.

2. Voted to postpone the Report of the Committee on the Road — prayed for by Benj. N. Willard and others — to the next meeting. —

3. Voted to adjourn this meeting for six weeks — then to meet at this place at 5 o'Clock P.M. —

Copy J. Wilder T.C. — Saml. Ward Moderator.

Proceedings of Town Meeting July 2. 1792.

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabts. of Lancaster legally met on Monday July 2. 1792 — Their Proceedings - - - - - - Lovin

1. Chose W. Ebenr. Allen Moderator. —

2. Heard the report of the Committee for hiring preaching &c made verbally by W. Sprague — Viz — That they had conferred with the Revd. T. Hennington — touching the several Subjects — agreeably to their instruction by Vote of the Town — and had supplyed the Desk twelve Sabbaths

2. Voted that the above Committee be authorized to
supply the Desk in future agreeably to instructions
when given. —

Proceedings
July 2. 1792
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4. Voted that the Town will hear Mr Sheyer a further time. —
5. Voted to dismiss the 6th Article in the Warrant. —
6. Voted to Adjourn this meeting for six weeks then to meet
at this place at 4 o'Clock P.M. —

Ebenezer Allen Moderator.

Lester Attest J. Wales T. Clerk.

Proceedings of the Inhabitants of Lancaster at the com-
mencement of their Town Meeting – August 14th 1792. —

Adjournment of Town Meeting
Proceedings of Aug. 14-92

1. Voted that Col John Whiting take the minutes of the
proceedings of the present meeting. —
2. Voted to choose a Committee to supply the Desk in future.
3. Chose the following – John Sheyer Esq.
Dr John Whiting
Jonathan Bradlee
" Benja Houghton
" John S. Wood
" Ens N. Fletcher
Israel Atherton Esq.
} Said Committee.
4. Voted to set apart Thursday the ninth of September next
for a Day of Fasting & Prayer to prepare the Town for
settling a Colleague with the Rev. Timy Hannington —
5. Voted that the Committee wait on Mr. Hannington to desire
him to write to such of the neighbouring Ministers
as he may choose, to join us in keeping the s. Fast –
and some one to preach Dismission suitable to the occasion.
6. Voted to Dissolve this Meeting Ebenr Allen Moderator
John Whiting Clerk P.T.

Adjournment of May Meeting –

1. Voted to dismiss the Article respecting the Petition of
Benja Willard & others. —
2. Voted to adjourn this meeting to the last monday
in September (24) next at 4 o'Clock P.M. —

Adjournment of May Meeting

Samuel Ward Moderator
John Whiting Clerk P.T.

True Copy Attest Joseph Wales Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting Sept. 1. 92.

To ~~the Constable Duly and other Inhabitants~~
Mr. Benjamin Wyman Constable — — — Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster to meet at the Meeting House tomorrow morning at 8 o'Clock for the following purposes. viz

1st To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting —
2d To see if the Town will consent that Doct. Israel Atherton may open a Hospital at the House now occupied by Jotham Wood, for Innoculation of the Small Pox. — Given under our hands and Seal this thirtieth Day of August A.D. 1792 —

John Whiting
Eli Sterns
John Carter
} Selectmen of Lancaster

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster to assemble at the time & place and for the purposes within mentioned —

Benjamin Wyman Constable

Sept. 1. 1792. —

Proceedings on the above Warrant.

The Proceedings of the Town on the above Warrant were as follows viz —

1. Chose Brig. Genl John Whiting Moderator —
2 Voted that Doct. Israel Atherton have the consent of the Town to open a Hospital for Innoculation of the Small Pox at the House now occupied by Jotham Wood.
3d Voted to dissolve this meeting John Whiting Moderator

Attest Joseph Wade T. Clerk.

J. Whiting's Bond. Warrant to B. Wyman & J. Hawkins to replevin Damages &c

J. Sawtell vs E. Robbins

Worcester ss. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts —

To Benjamin Wyman and John Hawkins both of Lancaster in S. County Yeomen — Greeting

Whereas Leonard Sawtell did on the thirty first day of August last — impound two Swine the property of Ebenezer Robbins for doing Damages in his Enclosure legally fenced and hath given the said Robbins notice thereof on the Law thereto and the said Robbins has

Whereas neglected to pay the Damages done by said Swine or to appraise them and thereupon the said Leonard has applyed for the remedy which the Law in such cases does provide— These is therefore, in the Name of the said Commonwealth, to require you on Oath faithfully and impartially to appraise the Damages done by the said Swine— and also to appraise so many of the Creatures impounded as shall be sufficient to answer the Damages and Charges aforesaid and make return of your doings hereon into the Clerks Office of the Town of Lancaster— as soon as the Business of this Warrant is performed— Given under my hand and Seal at Lancaster aforesaid the fifth day of September A.D. 1792 Timothy Whiting Justt. Peace.

Lancaster ss. September 5. 1792— The within named Benjamin Wyman and John Hawks personally appeared and made Oath that in estimating the within mentioned Damages and appraising any of the within mentioned Creatures they would act faithfully and impartially according to their best skill & Judgement before me

Timothy Whiting Justt. Peace.

Pursuant to the within Warrant we have considered the Damages done by the Creatures within mentioned & do upon Oath estimate the same at fifteen Shillings & therefore

	£0-16-10
Our Charges viz— Impounders fee	7-2
Justices fee	9
Appraisers fee	11
Town Clerks fee	1 £1-17-

We have also appraised the said Creatures to answer said Damages as follows viz—

One black male Swine at	£0-3-5
One other White Swine at	10-7
	£0-14-

Lancaster Sept. 7. 1792 — Benjn. Wyman } Appraisers
John Hawks }

Test Copy Attest Joseph Wilder Town Clerk

of Whiting
Warrant
=tioned D.
L. Sawtell
J. Robbins

Division of Reb.ª Houghton Nath.ª Adams Line.

Whereas a Dispute has arrisen between Rebecca Houghton of Leominster Widow and Capt.ª Nathan Adams of Lunenburg about their respective rights in a partition Fence in the line between their lands and which is the dividing line between Lancaster and Leominster being partly in Lancaster and partly in Leominster. The said Adams's Land lying in Lancaster and the said Rebecca's Land lying in Leominster. We the Subscribers Fence Viewers viz.ª John Hawks Fence Viewer of Lancaster and Joseph Jorlyne Fence Viewer of Leominster and after having given due notice to the said Nathan Adams viewed the premises and thereby considered the matter in dispute have assigned and do hereby assign to each of the said parties his and her respective share of said Fence as follows viz.ª The said Nathan shall build and keep in repair a good and sufficient fence upon a Stake and Stones at the corner south 58.º West forty five rods and one half to a Stake which he seyeth of right you are to maintain and the said Rebecca shall build and keep in repair a good and sufficient fence from said Stake forty five rods and one half south 58.º West to said Adams fence. Given under our hands this 29. of Aug.ª 1792. John Hawks of Lancaster Fence Viewer. Joseph Jorlyne Fence Viewer of Leominster.

Fence Copy Attest J. Wilder F. Clerk.

Proceedings of May Meeting continued by Adjournments to Sept.ª 24.ª 92.

At their May Meeting continued by Adjournments to September 24.ª 1792. The Town of Lancaster proceeded as follows viz.ª

1.ª Voted to accept the report of the Committee on the abatement of J. W.ª Collector Willards Taxes which he cannot collect.

2.ª Voted to Dissolve this Meeting.

Samuel Ward Moderator.

Attest Jonath.ª Wilder Town Clerk.

Your Committee appointed to consider the request of Mr. Collector Willard respecting his being discharged from such taxes as he cannot collect, have attended that business, and report as follows, viz, That it is expedient for the Town to direct said Willard to receive separate Notes of hand for each years taxes from the persons whose Names and taxes are inserted in the annexed Schedule, in the form following: ——

(Date) For value received I promise Ebenezer Sorrey Treasurer of the Town of Leicester, to pay him or his Successor in said Office (ten insert the sum) Lawful money on demand with Interest thereof till paid; which notes shall be attested by one or more Witnesses; and that said Willard shall deposit such notes in the hands of the said Treasurer, and upon his so doing, he be discharged from the Taxes contained in such Notes — Also that the said Willard be discharged absolutely from the taxes of the following persons contained in his said list, viz. —

David Baldwin	£1-4-3	Not rec.	£10-13-9¼
Matth. Hazzell	2-6-8	Daniel Allen	10-4
Abishai Phelps	1-7-9	Abner Mitchell	1-4-4
Samuel Gorden	1 3-3	Gen. Henry	9-7
Matth. Grendall	1-4-11	John Richards	6-4
Samuel Sowmans	3-6-11¼	Bra. Stephens	7-6
Carried over	£10-13-9¼		£13-11-10¼

Leicester September 24. 1792 — Samuel Ward, Timothy Bigelow Jun., Wm. Stedman — Committee

Test Eben. Sorry Attest
Joseph Wheeler Town Clerk

Here follows the Schedule mentioned in the above report. viz. — Schedule

Freemin Davis's Taxes

1789	Town Tax	£-13-4
	State "	4-7
	County "	10
	Ministers "	2-4
1790	Town "	0-2
	State "	3-6
	County "	1-
1791	Town "	3-4
	Ministers "	1-2
	State "	1-9
	County "	5
		£2--5

Benjamin Pierce's Taxes

1789	Town Tax	£-6-6
	State "	2-3
	County "	5
1790	Town "	4-5
	State "	1-11
	County "	7
		£-16-1

Daniel Godfrey's Taxes

1789	Town Tax	£-6-6
	State "	2-3
	County "	5
	Ministers "	1-2
		£--10-4

Contined over

Schedule continued.

Brought over —

Peter Willard's Taxes

1786 State Tax £1-5-5
County " " 1
Town " " 7-"
1787 Town " " 7-4
County " " 1-1
1788 County " " 8
Town " " 7-9
State " " 7-3
Richardson " " 2-10
Minister " " 2-7
1789 Town " " 6-6
State " " 2-3
County " " 5
1790 Town " " 4-1
State " " 1-9
County " " 6
1791 Town " " 3-7
State " " 1-7
County " " 5
£4-3-9

Daniel Knights Taxes

1789 Town Tax £ 6-6
State " " 2-3
County " " 5
Minister " " 1-2
£ -10-4

William De Parkon's Taxes.

1787 Town Tax £ 1-10
1788 Town " " 16-4
State " " 17-9
1790 Richardson " " 6-10
1789 Town " " 4-10
1790 Town " " 1-"
County " " 2-5
1788 County " " 1-8
1789 County " " 4
1790 County " " 2
£2-13-2

Peter Atherton's Taxes

1787 Town Tax £ 11-7½
County " " 1-4½
1788 County " " 11
Town " " 10-3
State " " 10-"
Richardson " " 3-10
Minister " " 3-4½
1789 Town " " 13-7
State " " 4-8
County " " 11
Minister " " 2-7
1790 Minister " " 2-8
Town " " 8-5
State " " 3-7
County " " 1-3
1791 Town " " 6-11
Minister " " 3-1
State " " 3-8
County " " 10
£4-13-6½
Supra Credit 1-4-11
£3-8-7½

William Richardson Taxes

1788 Town Tax £ 6-"
State " " 5-5
Richardson " " 2-2
Minister " " 2-"
1789 Town " " 6-6
State " " 2-3
County " " 5
Minister " " 1-2
1790 State " " 1-9
Minister " " 1-2
Town " " 4-1
County " " 6
£1-13-5

The above rectified by unanimous Vote of the Town September 24. 1792. Attest Joseph Wales Town Clerk

(Seal)

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 2. 1792.

To Mr. Joseph Wales Town Clerk — Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to Warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to Vote for Representatives and in Town Affairs to meet at the meeting House in Lancaster on Friday the 2. day of November next at two o'Clock P.M. for the following purposes viz. —

1. To give in their Votes for five Representatives to the Congress of the United States viz. —

(6) One who shall be a Resident in the County of Hampshire.
One in the County of Berkshire
One in the County of Worcester
One in either of the aforesaid Counties which is to form the second District — also —
One Resident in the first or second or third District —
The first District consists of the Counties of Suffolk, Essex and Middlesex the third of Plymouth Bristol Barnstable Dukes County & Nantucket — — —

2. To give in their votes for five Electors for the purpose of choosing a President and Vice President of the United States, in the District formed by the Counties of Worcester, Hampshire & Berkshire. — —

3. To choose a Moderator to govern the meeting in Town.

4. To see if the Town will consent to have the line agreed upon by the Committee of Lancaster & Sterling for Separation established as a dividing line between the two Towns — and choose a Committee for running the same

5. To see if the Town will choose a Committee to collect the Arrs & Pitchers &c belonging to the Town and sell the same for the use of the Town. —

Given under our hands and Seals this 15. day of Oct. 1792.

Eli Stearns
John Carter } Selectmen
John Whiting } & Lancaster.

To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Greeting — Pursuant to the above Warrant you are warned to meet at the time & place & for the purposes therein Specified. Wallis Fblett

Oct. 16. 1792. — — —

Nov. 2. 1792 — I have warned the Inhabitants of Lancaster to appear agreeably to the above Warrant by posting the same fourteen Days at the Meeting house — Joseph Wallis Fblett

— — — — —

Proceedings of Town Meeting Nov. 2. 1792.

Proceedings of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, Legally assembled on Friday Nov. 2. 1792 — at 2 o'Clock P.M. — viz —

1. Voted to adjourn the choice of Federal Representatives for half an hour to proceed to Town affairs —

2. Chose Br. Genl. John Whiting Moderator. — —

3. Voted that the line agreed upon by the Committee of Lancaster & Sterling be established as a dividing line between the two Towns. — — —

Worcester continued Nov. 2 - 92

Proceedings of the Town Meeting continued — Nov. 2. 92.

5. Voted to choose a Committee of three for the purpose of running said line. — Chose Brig. John Whiting, Mr. Moses Smith, John Sprague Esq. } Committee. —

6. Voted to choose a committee of three to collect the Rates Debts &c. belonging to the Town, and sell the same at public Vendue for the use of the Town. Chose Messrs. James Bates, Benj. Wyman, Cyprus Fairbank } Committee. —

7. Voted to Dissolve the Meeting for Town affairs. —

8. Federal Representatives. — The Votes for Representatives to the Congress of the United States were as follows — viz. —

For Senators in the first second and third Districts of this State.

in the County of Hampshire — Simeon Strong Esq. 16, Samuel Lyman Esq. 6, William Lyman Esq. 15

in the County of Worcester Nathaniel Ward Esq. — 47 —

in the County of Berkshire — Thompson J. Skinner Esq. 30, Elijah Dwight Esq. — 3

in the District joined to the foregoing counties — Theodore Sedgwick Esq. 36

in the first second and third Districts — David Cobb Esq. 41, James Sullivan Esq. 1 —

For Electors of President & Vice-President of the U. S. —

Thomas Dwight Esq. 18 — John Sprague Esq. 9
Moses Gill Esq. — 20 — Samuel Baker Esq. 1
Dwight Foster Esq. — 14 — Simeon Learned Esq. 1
Samuel Lyman Esq. — 10 — Jonathan Warner Esq. 2
Elijah Dwight Esq. — 18 — Samuel Henshaw Esq. 8
Abel Wilder Esq. — 2

Voted to Dissolve this Meeting John Whiting Moderator.
True record of the Proceedings attest Joseph Wheeler Town Clerk.

Town of Sterling Proceedings at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Sterling — held the 28. of August last — voted as follows — viz —

That the line of Taxation, agreed upon by Lancaster and Sterling, shall be established as a dividing line between the two Towns — a true Copy from the Records attest Moses Smith T. Clerk.

Sterling September 6. 1792 — Then Lancaster

Warrant for Town Meeting Dec. 10. 1792

1.
2.

Sir

To Mr. Benjamin Hyman, Constable — Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts — you are hereby required to warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, to meet at the meeting-house in s.d Lancaster, on Monday the 31.st day of December Inst.t at two o'Clock P.M. for the following purposes — viz.

To choose an Moderator, to govern s.d Meeting —

To act on the request of Cyrus Fairbank and others for considering the most easy and convenient way of supporting the Gospel among us in future; and to transact any matter or thing which the Town may think proper respecting that subject. — Given under our hands & Seal at Lancaster this tenth day of December 1792 — John Whiting } Select-
Eli Steam } Men of
John Carter } Lancaster.

To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster — Pursuant to the above Warrant, you are hereby required to meet at the time and place above specified, and for the purposes therein mentioned — Benj.a Hyman Const.e

Worcester, ss. — By virtue of the within Warrant I have notified the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster to assemble at the time & place, and for the purposes therein mentioned, by posting the same on the two oldest Town-Houses in said Town — Benj.a Hyman Const.e —

Proceedings on the above Warrant.

On Monday Dec.r 31. 1792 — at 2 o'Clock P.M. The Inhabitants of Lancaster met agreeably to the above Warrant & chose Capt.n James Carter Moderator — Mr.d Eli Steam Town Clerk &c. —

On the request of Cyrus Fairbank and others, Voted, that the Town decline at present any changing any measures to accomplish the Parts in future, but those which they have heard before — Voted to adjourn this meeting to meet the Wednesday [illegible] at 2 o'Clock P.M. at the Meeting-House — Voted &c. Eli Steam Town Clerk &c. — Moderator

Proceedings of Town Meeting June 14. 1793.

Agreeably to adjournment - The Freeholders &c of Lancaster met on Monday June 14. 1793. and proceeded as follows - Voted ——

1. Voted to adjourn to three o'clock - ——

3 o'clock - the meeting opened - & proceeded

2. Voted to reconsider the Vote of the last meeting, and to employ any new Candidates for the Ministry at present - ——

3. The old Committee for supplying the Pulpit being excused from further service - voted to choose a new one to consist of five ——

4. Chose - Capt Josiah Carter
Mr John Haywood
Mr Josiah Willard
Mr Stephen Bruce Esqr
Mr Daniel Stearns
} Committee.

5. Voted to dissolve this meeting - Josiah Carter Moder.
Eli Stearns T. Clerk P.T. ——
Josiah Coley Josiah Wesley T. Clerk ——

Warrant for Town Meeting Dec. 31. 1792

(Seal) To Mr [illegible] Haywood Constable of Lancaster Greeting.

In the Name of the Government of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby directed to warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster duly qualified to vote for Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth, to assemble at the Meeting-House in said Lancaster on Monday the 14th day of January next at two o'Clock P.M. to give in their Votes for a Representative that is an Inhabitant of the County of Hampshire - and also for one other Representative being an Inhabitant of either of the Counties of Hampshire Hampden or Berkshire and to form the second District - to represent said District in the Congress of the United States of America. - Given under our hands and seal this 31. day of Dec. A.D. 1792 ——
John Whiting
John Carter
Eli Stearns
} Select Men of

Pursuant to the above Warrant, the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Somerset, are hereby required to meet at the time & place above mentioned and for the purposes therein specified. Benj[a] Hopmen Constable

Somerset ss.

By virtue of the within Warrant, I have notified the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Somerset, to meet at the time & place within mentioned - and for the purposes within specified - as the law directs - Benj[a] Hopmen Constable

Somerset June 14. 1793.

Entered by J. Weeden T. Clerk.

Warrant & Constable's Return.

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Somerset, legally warned & held this 14th day of June 1793. - Voted and Chose Capt. Samuel Ward Town Clerk P. T. —

The Votes for a Representative for the second District for the Town of Somerset being in the County of Hampshire being called for - were as follows viz. —

Will[m] Lyman 38	}	For the District at Large - viz.
Josiah Lyman 13		Dwight Foster 36 -
Samuel Henshaw 3 -		Samuel Lyman 8
		Sam[l] Henshaw 2 - —

Attest Samuel Ward Town Clerk P. T. —

True Copy - attest Joseph Wales Town Clerk.

Proceedings on the above Warrant.

Somerset ss. — To Mr. Benj[a] Hopmen Constable — Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Mass[s] You are hereby required to warn the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Somerset, duly qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Meeting-house in said Somerset on Monday the fourth Day of March next, at one o'clock P. M. to act on the following Articles viz. — — —

Town Warrant —

Warrant for March Meeting continued 1793.

1st To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting —

2d To grant Monies to defray the expences of the Town the ensuing year —

3d To choose Town Officers for the year ensuing —

4th To see what method the Town will adopt for building a Pound. —

5th To see if the Town will grant Doct. Isaac Hartshorn a license to open an Hospital for innoculating with the Small Pox, in the Dwelling House lately occupied by him and to erect such others in the vicinity thereof as may be judged necessary for the purpose of obtaining leaves of the owners — and in all respects conforming to the late Law in that case made & provided. —

6th To give in their votes for a County Treasurer. —

Given under our hands and Seal the eighteenth day of Feb'y A.D. 1793 — Eli Stevens } Selectmen
John Whitney } of Lancaster.

Worcester ss. To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, duly qualified to vote in Town affairs — In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes above specified

Benj.a Wyman Constable of Lancaster.

Worcester ss.

By Virtue of the within Warrant I have warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting the same agreeable to Law —

Benj.a Wyman Const.le

Lancaster March 4. 1793.

True Copy attest

Jos.h Wilder Town Clk

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabt.s of the Town of Lancaster, legally assembled on Monday, March 4. 1793. at 12 o'Clock at noon, the Town proceeded as follows (viz.)

Proceedings of March the 4th 1793.

1. Chose, Timothy Whiting Junr. Esqr. Moderator.
2. Chose, Joseph Wheeler Town Clerk.
3. Chose W.m Ebenr. Torrey Town Treasurer.
4. Voted to choose three Selectmen.
5. Chose Messrs. John Whiting, Eli Sterns, John Carter } Selectmen.
6. Voted to choose three Assessors.
7. Chose John Sprague, Seamd. Ward, Timo. Whiting Junr. Esqrs. } Assessors.
8. Mr. Benjd. John Whiting, being excused, chose William Stedman Esqr. Selectman.
9. Voted to reconsider the choice of Highway Surveyors to the adjournment of this meeting.
10. Voted to choose a Committee of three, to consider the most prudential method of amending the Roads in future, to report at the adjournment.
11. Chose Messrs. John Musgrave, Benjamin Houghton, Moses Sawyer } Committee.
12. Chose Messrs. Merrick Rice, Benjn. W. Willard, Ebenr. Torrey, Oliver Carter } Surveyors.
13. Chose Messrs. Cyrus Fairbanks, Henry Hombell } Field-Drivers.
14. Chose Messrs. Thos. Girtin, Benjamin W. Willard } Fence-Viewers.
15. Chose Messrs. Samll. Wilder Junr., Abijah White } Surveyors Streets.
16. Chose Mr. Moses Sawyer Deer-Reeve.
17. Chose Messrs. Eli Sterns, David Goss } Cullers of Staves & Hoops.

Town

Brot over. - - - - - - - - -

18. Chose Nep.h Sammel Forbush } Sly.th Men. —
Daniel Gott }

19. Chose Mr. Sammel Forbush Sur. how Brief. —

20. Chose Mr. Joseph Carter. Scales Sealthes. —

21. Chose Mr. Jonathan Whitney Sealr. Wts. & Measures

22. Chose Nep.h John Ballard } Hogg-Reeves —
Isaac Bachelor }

23. Voted to postpone the third Article of the Warrant to the adjournment. —

24. Voted to choose a Committee of three to prepair a Plan of the Pound & report at the next meeting.

25. Chose Nep.h Jon.a Whitney }
Daniel Gott } Committee. —
Jonas Lane }

26. Voted that Doct.r Israel Atherton be Directed to Communicate with the Small Pox-Co. agreeably to the fifth Article in the Warrant. —

27. The Votes for a Comitty Freemen being call'd for Samuel Allen Esq.r of Worcester had 82. —

28. Voted to grant one hundred and twenty pounds L.M. to be worked out on the High-Ways - the ensuing year. — —

29. Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first ~~Day~~ Monday in Sept.r next at one o'Clock P.M. —

Timothy Whitney Jun.r Moderator.
Attest Joseph Wales Town Clerk.

March 4. 1793. Personally appeared Nep.h Benj.a W. Willard Fish-Warden & Fence-Viewer -
Nep.h Willm Stedman - Eli Stearns - John Carter Sealer Meas.s
Phil Gates Fence Viewers Moses Sawyer Fence - Eli Stearns
Sealr. C. Wheeler. Sam.l Gott - Sly.th Men & Sealr. C. & Wheeler
Benj.a White Sealr. Stearns - Josiah Carter Sealr. Leathers
Henry Stanbelt Field-Driver - Oliver Carter Fish-Ward
Jon.a Whitney Sealr. Wts. & Meas.s - Nep.h Moses Sawyer,
Josiah Wilder, ~~John Fowler~~ John Fowler, Moses Livingston
Benj.a Livingston, John Whitney Surveyors H.ys. & Stock-Constables
[illegible] severally [illegible] the Duties of their respective Offices [illegible]

Sedg. To Mr Joseph Wales Town Clerk Greeting

Numbers of Town mee to

March 1793.

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Leicester, qualified to vote for Governor &c. and in other Town affairs, to meet at the Meeting-House, on Monday the first day of April next at two o'clock P.M. to act on the following Articles — viz

1. To give in their Votes for Governor Lieutenant Governor Councellors and Senators for the year ensuing.

2. To give in their Votes for a Representative that is an Inhabitant in the County of Hampshire, and also for another Representative, being an Inhabitant in either of the Counties of Hampshire, Worcester & Berkshire being the second District, to represent the said District in Congress.

3. To choose a Moderator to govern the meeting for Town affairs.

4. To hear and determine on the report of the Committee chosen at March meeting last relative to Wigs hedges and to act any thing respecting the method of repairing them —

5. To act upon the Petition of Simeon Willard and others relative to forming a School Jurisdiction. —

Given under our hands & Seal this Town the day of March A.D. 1793

Eli Stevens
Josiah Coolidge
William Stedman
} Selectmen of Leicester.

To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Leicester Greeting

In obedience to the above Warrant you are required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to meet at the time & place and for the purpose therein directed — March 25th 1793 Joseph Wales Town Clerk

Worcester ss. April 1. 1793. By Virtue of the within Warrant I have warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Leicester, to meet at the time & place & for the purpose therein mentioned by posting the same at the two most public places

Joseph Wales

Adjournment of March Meeting proceedings of 1743.

Agreeably to the adjournment of March Meeting last — the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster met at the Meeting House on Monday the 1st. 1743 — at 1 o'Clock P.M. and proceeded as follows — viz.

1. Voted to adjourn this meeting till 3 o'Clock P.M. —
2. At 3 o'Clock — Voted to choose a Committee of three, to Inspect the Presidential Accounts of the Town the preceding year — to report at May Meeting.
3. Chose Deac. Cyprian Fairbank / Mr. Ebenr. Torrey / Israel Atherton Esqr. } Committee. —
4. Voted to raise two hundred pounds L.M. for the purpose of defraying the Persons Salary and supplying the Desk, the ensuing year. —
5. Voted to raise four hundred pounds L.M. to defray the necessary expences of the Town the ensuing year. —
6. Voted to choose a Committee of three to Inspect the Schools. — — — —
7. Chose John Sprague / William Stedman / Israel Atherton Esqr. } Committee. —
8. Voted to choose a Committee of five to report at May Meeting next, an uniform method to be observed by the several School Masters in Town, for teaching Schools in future. — —
9. Chose John Sprague Esqr. / William Stedman Esqr. / Israel Atherton Esqr. / Louis Thy Whiting Junr Esqr. / Capt. Samuel Ward / Mr. Benjn. Willard } Committee. — (20) — assented.
10. Voted to appropriate one hundred pounds L.M. for support of the Eng.h Grammar, and sixty five pounds 12/ L.M. for the Latin Grammar School to be applyed to the several Squadrons in the same proportion as last year. — —

Carried over — — —

Continued. — — — — —

11. Chose Majr. Nathl. Sawyer, Joel Phelps, Nenapeth Knight, William Willder, Saml. Willard, John Hastings — John Thurston, John Whitney, Benjn. Houghton 2d. — Surveyors of Highways. — — —

12. Voted to choose a Committee of three, for hiring Lieutenant Schoolmaster, the ensuing year. — —

13. Chose Majr. Elisha Sawyer, Timothy Whitney jun., Eli Stearns — Committee. —

14. Voted to accept the Report of the Committee relative to a Pound. — — —

15. Chose Mr. Benjn. Heywood Constable. — — —

16. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to build a Pound agreeably to the Report of the Committee.

17. Voted that the Selectmen agree the Town where the Pound shall stand. — —

18. Voted to dissolve this Meeting. Timothy Whitney Junr. Moderator.

A true Copy Joseph Wilder T. C. —

Proceedings of Annual Meeting 1793.

At a legal meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, held on Monday, April 1. 1793. the following Votes were counted, declared and Sealed up, in open Town Meeting viz. For Governor John Hancock Esqr. — 58
Elbridge Gerry Esqr. — 2

For Lieutenant Governor, Samuel Adams Esqr. — 63.

For Councellors & Senators

Moses Gill — 56
Saml. Barker 55
Jonathan Warner 1
Timothy Newhall 57
Benjamin Heywood 21
John Sprague 54
Elisha Alexander 30
Josiah Stearns 4
John Whitney Esquire 1 —

Carried over —

April 1793
Meet continued.

Brot forward

for a Representative, living an Inhabitant in the County of Hampshire William Lyman Esq.r — 51
Samuel Lyman Esq.r — 21

and all other living in either of the three towns, which forms the 2.d District —
Dwight Foster Esq.r — 88
Sam.l Lyman Esq.r — 1

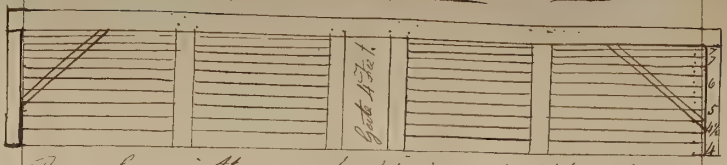
To Represent said District in the Congress of the United States. — — — —
The Freeholders then proceeded to Town Affairs as follows viz.y —

1. Chose William Stedman Esq.r Moderator —
2. Voted to adjourn this meeting till 5 o'Clock P.M. —
3. at 5 o'Clock — Voted not to accept the Report of the Committee, on a Method for repairing Roads. —
4. Voted that the following be allowed by the Surveyors for Labour &c. on the Highways, the ensuing year. viz.y — To a Man 4/p. a pr. of Oxen 2/p. — a Horse 1/p. — a Cart 1/. and Plows &c. in like proportion, pr. Hour. —
5. Voted to chuse a Committee of four to Report at May Meeting next, the limits of the several School Squadrons to which Messr.s Simeon Willard, Nate Williams Willard, Henery Hunkell & James Goodwin belong. — —
6. Chose Messr.s Nath.l Whitmore, Henry Hunkell, Solomon Godfrey, James Goodwin } Committee.
7. Voted to add one to the above Committee.
8. Chose Dea.n Cyprian Ingersoll for the same. —
9. Voted to dissolve this Meeting —

William Stedman
Moderator.

Test
Jonathan Wells Town Clerk.

Plan.



Your Committee are of opinion that it will be best to build a Pound of Wood, agreeable to the above Plan; which is thirty feet square, eight feet in height, of which sixteen Inches is to be Stone, the Timber to be eight Inches Square, of White oak - the Rails, two by six Inches

Jon. Whitney
David Gates
Jonas Lane
} Committee.

N.B. There enter Posts on a side. — —

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster. — April 1. 1793.

A true Copy attest Joseph Wales Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting May 6. 1793

(Seal) To Joseph Wales Town Clerk — — — Greeting.

In the Name of the Common-Wealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Lancaster qualified to Vote for a Representative, and in other Town affairs to meet at the Meeting-House in said Lancaster, on Monday the sixth day of May next at two o'clock P.M. for the following purposes viz.

1. To choose a Person to Represent them at the General-Court appointed to be held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next —
2. To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting for Town Affairs. — —
3. To hear and determine on the Report of the Committee appointed at the adjournment of March Meeting last, respecting an uniform method to be observed by the several School Masters in Town, for teaching Schools in future.

Carried over — —

Warrant continued May 1793.

Art. 4 — To hear and determine on the Report of the Committee appointed at April meeting last respecting the limits of the several School Squadrons to which Mess.rs Simon Willard, Caleb Williams, Willard, Henry Hunkell and James Goodwin severally belong. —

5. To see if the Town will choose a Committee to complete the Repairs of the Meeting-House. —

Given under our hands & Seal at Lancaster this nineteenth day of April A.D. 1793. —

William Stevens, John Carter, Eli Sterns } Selectmen of Lancaster.

To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Lancaster — — — — Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to meet at the Place & time, and for the purposes mentioned in the above Warrant — — — — Joseph Wilder Town Clerk.

April 20.1793.

Worcester ss. May 6. 1793. Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have warned the Inhabitants &c. of Lancaster to meet agreeably thereto, by Posting the same fourteen days at the Meeting-House — — Joseph Wilder T. Clerk

Proceedings of May Meeting 1793.

At the Meeting held Town Meeting May 6. 1793. legally Warned, the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, proceeded as follows viz. —

1. Voted to send one Person to Represent the Town at the General Court, & Person to be chosen at Boston —
2. Chose Majr. Jon.a Jon.a Whiting for that purpose
3. Chose Col.o Stevens Chairman Moderator. —

4. Voted to pass over the third Article in the Warrant.—
5. Voted that the Report of the Committee respecting the limits of Sunday School Squadron in the Northerly part of the Town be recommitted.—
6. Voted that the old Committee, with the addition of one, be the Committee to complete the Releasing of the Meeting House—
7. Chose Mr. Ebenr. Forrey for the additional C. M.—
8. Voted to accept the Report of the Committee on the Residential Accounts of the Town the ensueing Year.—
9. Voted to accept the Report of the Committee for Selling old Pitch-Pipes &c.—
10. Voted to dissolve this Meeting—Wm. Stedman Moderator.

Attest Joseph Wales Town Clerk.

May Meeting Proceedings of Lancaster 1793.

Pro. Book that Acct for 1792.

Account of expenditures of the Town of Lancaster from March 5. 1792. To March 4. 1793.—

Sundry Orders for support of John Price	£13-—-—	Procurem.t &c. of Ropes &c.—	
Do. Clothing &c	1-10-11	Sundry Orders for R. F. Training	
Do. Sick & his Nurse in Sickness	1-14-—	Town Salary —	£76-3-4
Do. mowing Lot	2-17-6	Do. Supplying the Poor	57-18-6
Do. Burying — Do.	4-9-4	Do. N. Sprague for Corncl 36 days	1-10-—
	£22-11-9	Do. Assessors for taxing Lands & Polls	16-—-9
Do. Support of Betty Brown	7-16	Do. Overseers Poor	7-4-—
Do. Clothing Do.	2-9-11	Do. Repairs in Rolling Bridge	1-2-6
	4-14-7	Do. Repairs Town Book	10-3
Do. Support of Jo. Osgood 11 2/3		Do. Journey to Stoughton for collection &c. & D.	10-—
Do. Clothing Do.	19/	Do. Selectmen's Expenses & Town Committee	11-3-8
Do. Burying Do.	10/	Do. Interest to 1st June	17-—-—
	7-1-0	Do. Do. Poor House	2-10-—
Do. Support of Rob. Brown	2-17-8	Do. Abatements & Taxes	4-1-1½
Do. Clothing Do.	19-10	Do. Keeping Town Clock	1-—-—
Do. Mowing Do.	1-—-—	Do. Do. Wm. Woods &c.	17-16-8½
Do. Burying Do.	19-2	Do. Do. Keeping Doctors Do.	16-1
	11-5-0	Do. Do. Do. Town Watch	6-1-10
Do. Relief of Ro. Johnson	3-—	Do. Do. & D. Do. Interest & Principal	88-12-7
Do. Do. of Joel Wright	13-—	L. Land Look House —	
Do. Do. Wm. Depuster	4-—-9	Do. Work in Town in 1792	1-1-—
Do. Do. Mrs. Fairbanks	3-—-—	Do. Mr. & D. Wm. Wood's House	1-5-4
Do. Do. Sheldon Brown	137	Do. Bank Stone & Bridges	3-14-1
	9-1-1	Do. Do. List of Jurors	1-—-—
Sundry Orders for teaching L.		Do. Do. Do.	3-—-—
L. School in Dist. No. 10	19-10-—	Do. Destroy Wagons	1-16-—
Do. Boarding School Master	13-—-—	Do. Sch. and for Do.	
Do. Wood	3-1-3	Do. Do. Do. Do. Do.	1-3-4
	35-11-3	Do. Do. Do. Do. Do.	1-—-—
Do. Sing. L. Schools	1-10-—	Do. Do. Do. Do. Do.	1-—-—
Do. Secretary for Setting Lines	1-11-—	Do. Do. Do. Do. Do.	1-14-—
Do. Committee Singing one Week	1-14-—	Do. Do. Do. Do. Do.	1-—-—
Do. Sundry Orders & Expenses Meeting House	1-—-—	Do. Do. Do. Do. Do.	3-1-8
Amount over	£194-10-—	Amount Contra	£194-10-—

148-2-4½
503-10-4½
161-6-4
14-15-5
51-13-—

Confirmation of Pro. Court 1793.

Account of Expenditures &c. over — £570-13-9½

Sergt. Wm. Whiting
Eli Stearns
John Carter
} Selectmen of Lancaster.

Town Committee appointed to examine the Selectmens Accounts for the year past have attended that Service, and beg leave to Report that they find them properly stated, with Vouchers — which in their opinion, justly intitles them to the thanks of the Town —

Ebenezer Torrey
Cyrus Fairbanks
} Committee.

Lancaster April 1. 1793.

A true Copy Attest — Joseph Wales Town Clerk.

Report of Committee on Selling a Pew &c.

Lancaster April 1. 1793.

We the Subscribers being chosen a Committee by a Vote of the Town, at a former Town Meeting — to sell at Vendue the old Pews & Pitch-Pipes, belonging to the Town, have this Day sold accordingly as follows viz —

1 Pitch-Pipe sold for	£-2-0	1 Pew not given	£-3-0
1 Do	-2-4	1 Do	-3-0
1 Do	-2-3	1 Do	-3-6
1 Do	-2-7	1 Do	-3-6
1 Do	-3-2	1 Do	-4-0
1 Do	-3-2	1 Do	-3-11
1 Do	-2-7	1 Do	-3-4
1 Do	-2-4		£2-7-1
1 Do	-2-5	Cost Trouble &c collecting &c	
received in all	£-1-2-10	same together and selling	£-10-4
Remains in the Town's hands for payment of all Expences			£-1-16-9-

Cyrus Fairbanks
Benjn. Wyman
} Committee.

A true Copy Attest — Joseph Wales Town Clerk.

To Mr. Benj.ª Wyman Constable of the Town of Lancaster — Greeting —

Warrant for Town Meeting May 27. 1793

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to Notify and Warn the the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Meeting-House in said Lancaster, on Monday the twenty-seventh day of May current, at 3 o'Clock P.M. to act on the following Articles. viz.

1st To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting —

2d To see if the Town will order the Managers of the late Lancaster Lottery, to pay the Town Treasurer, the net proceeds of the said Lottery; or the balance of the Monies due the Town therefrom, now in their hands. —

Given under our hands & Seal this eleventh day of May A.D. 1793 —

Wm Stedman
Wm Carter
Eli Stearns
} Selectmen of Lancaster

By virtue of the above Warrant I warn the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster to meet at the time & place & for the purposes above mentioned — Benj.ª Wyman Constable. May 11. 1793 —

In obedience to the within Warrant I have notified & warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster to meet at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned by posting the same on the Lawful sign-posts — May 27. 1793 — Benj.ª Wyman Constable

Proceedings of the above Meeting

At a legal Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, held on Monday May 27. 1793. the following Votes were passed — Viz —

1st Chose Mr. Asa Sawyer Moderator —

2d Voted to appoint Mr. Stearns to give his opinion on the 2d Article in the Warrant —

3d Voted to dissolve this Meeting — Asa Sawyer Moderator

Attest — Joseph Wood Jr. Clerk —

Notice of the town Meeting June 3d 1793

M. N. Sharpe —

To Mr. Benj.ª Wyman Constable — Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to warn the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Meeting House in said Lancaster, on Monday the third day of June next at twelve o'Clock at noon, for the following purposes — viz. —

1st. To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting —

2d. To see if the Congregation will concur with the Church in this Town, in their Call to M. Nathaniel Sharpe to settle in the said Town in the Work with the Rev.d M. Harrington. —

3d. To see what sum of money is necessary for finishing & completing a Contract with M. Sharpe, respecting his Settlement in the Town — and to do or transact any Matter that may be necessary for such Settlement, if he shall agree to settle in the Town. — Given under our hands & Seal this twenty ninth day of May — A.D. 1793.

Eli.ª Adams } Selectmen
John Carter } of Lancaster

June 1. 1793 —

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified & warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, to assemble at the time & place and for the purposes within mentioned. June 1. 1793 attest — Benj.ª Wyman Constable.

Joseph Wilder Town Clerk.

Proceedings of the above Meeting —

At a legal meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster held on Monday June 3d 1793, the following matters were passed — viz. —

1. Chose Timothy Whiting Jun.r Moderator.
2. Voted to excuse Timothy Whiting Jun.r pursuant to his request & Chose Eleazer Allen Moderator. —
3. Chose M.r Eleazer Allen Moderator. —
4. On the 2d Article in the Warrant — Whereas the Church in this Town have given M.r Nathaniel Sharpe a call to be their Pastor, so to unite with the

Rev. Mr. Hemmingway during the life of Mr. Hemmingway and their Pastor after his decease, if Mr. Shenger survive him. — — Voted unanimously that Mr. Nathaniel Shenger be settled as the 2d as Colleague with the Revd. Mr. Hemmingway, during the life of Mr. Hemmingway, and over Minister if he survives Mr. Hemmingway should Mr. Shenger agree to settle as one Minister in manner as above expressed —

5. Voted that a Committee of fifteen be chosen, to report to the Town this afternoon, the Terms of settlement to be proposed to Mr. Shenger — Jonathan Fisher

6. Chose Messrs. John Sprague, Wilm. Stedman, Israel Wharton, Josiah Bullard, Ebenezer Allen, Moses Sawyer, Ebenezer Torrey — Committee — James Swinburne, Ephraim Cowles, Joseph Wales, Capt. James Swinburne, Eli Stearns, Lieut. Whiting Jun., Benj. Houghton

7. Voted to adjourn this Meeting till 3 o'clock this P.M. — Met agreeably to adjournment — Then the Report of the above Committee was read as follows — viz. We the Subscribers, a Committee appointed by the Town, to report to them some suitable Provision for the Settlement and support of Mr. Nathaniel Shenger, provided he will agree thereto and settle with us, agreeably to a Vote of the said Town, this Day passed — have attended the Business, and Report as follows — viz. —

That the sum of two hundred pounds be given him as a Settlement — the sum of ninety pounds annually during the life of Mr. Hemmingway as Salary — and after the decease of Rev. Mr. Hemmingway, the sum of one hundred & twenty pounds annually as Salary. —

Wm. Stedman, Ebenr. Cowles Jun., Israel Wharton, Timy. Whiting, Jona. Wilder, Eli Stearns, Joseph Wales. — Committee — John Sprague, Josiah Bullard, Ebenr. Allen, Moses Sawyer, Capt. James Swinburne, Benj. Houghton, Ebenezer Torrey — James Swinburne

Town Meeting proceedings Continued

8th Voted to accept the Report of the Committee

9. Voted that a Committee of three be chosen to Join with a Committee which the Church may choose, to present Mr. Nathaniel Thayer, the Doings of the Church & Town, relative to his settling in the work of the Gospel Ministry in this place, and to request his consideration thereof & answer thereto —

10 Chose John Sprague, Wm Stedman, Israel Thorndike Esqrs } Committee —

11. Voted to dissolve this meeting

Ebenr Allen Moderator.

Attest Joseph Wales Town Clerk.

Presentation of Boylston Line - 1793

June 25 1793 — We the Subscribers Selectmen of Boylston and Sarmenter, have this Day presented and run the Line between the said Towns and have erected & made marks & Bounds, agreeable to a Plan exhibited by the Selectmen of Boylston — viz — beginning at a White Oak & Stones at the S. W. corner of Sarmenter & S. E. corner of Sterling, on Boylston North line, from thence E. 11¼ deg. N. — 1¼ Miles & 20 Rods to a White Oak Tree on the E. Branch of the River and said to be the Land-Mark between Steph.n Wilder & Israel Abbott — thence E. 26¼ deg. S. 1 Mile & 69 Rods to a Stake & Stones on Peter Larkins, Westerly line in the Meadow

James Temple, James Holland, Aaron Sawyer } Selectmen of Boylston —

Eli Stearns, John Carter } Selectmen of Sarmenter

True Copy attest Joseph Wales Town Clerk

Cambridge July 11 1793.

To the Church and Congregation in Lancaster

Brethren, — The votes entrusted by you to the respective Committee, have to me been duly communicated. The unanimity which prevailed in your meetings, has engaged my most delicate attention to your request. Altho' the duties attendant on the office, to which you have called me, are by all acknowledged to be arduous, yet after intreating direction of Heaven, and asking the advice of friends, a sense of duty urges me to an acceptance of your invitation. — Permit me now earnestly to solicit an union of your prayers with mine that all needful assistance may be afforded, that the health of your present Pastor may be restored, and the evening of his Days rendered serene and happy; that, by harmony and affection, and the exercise of our best abilities the interest of religion may here flourish, and that after a constant and laudable conformity to its principles, we may receive the approbation of our Judge, and enjoy each other's society forever. This is the wish, and shall ever be the prayer, of your affectionate friend and humble servant Nathaniel Thayer. —

True Copy
Attest Joseph Wales Town Clerk.

Seal

To Mr Joseph Wales Town Clerk — Greeting. —

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to Vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Meeting-House in said Town, on Monday the twenty-sixth day of August current at 1 o'Clock P.M. for the following purposes. — viz: — —

1. To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting. —

Warrant for Town Meeting Aug 26-93 Ordination

Turn over — — — —

Warrant for Town Meeting Continued — Augt 26-93 — Ordination.

2. To Treat with Mr. Thayer, and agree on such time and Modes of payment of his settlement & Salary as may be best adapted to his circumstances, and the convenience and Interest of the Town.

3. To make such grants as may be supposed necessary to defray the usual and necessary expenses of Ordination.

4. To consult with Mr. Kennington and Mr. Thayer and conclude on the time and manner of constituting the Solemnity. — And do or transact any other matter or thing that may be thought necessary for a decent and happy performance and conclusion of the whole subject of the above articles, or any part of them. —

5. To direct their Committee what further repairs they shall make to the Meeting-House, and pass such votes as may be thought necessary to prepare it for Ordination.

6. To direct the same Committee to sell one of the back long Seats on each side of the ~~middle~~ middle Isle for Pews, or act any thing relative to the sale of such ground.

7. To grant Money for repairing the Causeway near Whites Bridge (so called) or do any thing relative thereto.

8. To approve and allow of a private way laid out by the Selectmen at the request of Joel Osgood. —

9. To hear the report of the Committee appointed to define the limits of the School Districts in the North part of the Town, and act any thing thereon. — Given under our hands and Seal, this twelfth day of August A.D. 1793. William Stearns, John Carter, Ebe Stearns } Selectmen.

To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster — Greeting —

In the Name of the Common-Wealth of Massachusetts you are warned to assemble at the time, place, & for the purposes directed in the foregoing Warrant. August 10. 1793. — Joseph Wilder Town Clk.

August 26. 1793. I have Warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, to assemble agreeably to the within Warrant, by Posting the same fourteen Days at the Meeting-House in said Town — — — Joseph Wilder T. Clk.

Proceedings of Town Mee Aug 26–9

At a legal meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster on Monday August 26. 1793 – They proceeded as follows — viz —

1. Chose Mr Ebenezer Allen Moderator.
2. Voted that Mr Thayer be requested to address the Throne of Grace &c – – –
3. Voted that Mr Thayer have the Thanks of the Town, for his Petition &c. for the Divine Blessing.
4. Voted that a Committee of five be chosen, to treat with Mr Nathl Thayer, on the subject of the 2. Article in the Warrant respecting his Settling & Settlement. – – –
5. Chose Messrs Israel Wheaton, Samuel Ward, Ebenezer Sawyer, Jamis Whitney Junr, Ephraim Carter Junr } Committee
6. Voted to pass over the 3. Article in the Warrant for the present.
7. Voted that a Committee of five be chosen to treat with the Revd Mr Hannington & Thayer on the subject of the 4. article in the Warrant, relative to the time & Mode of Ordination.
8. Chose Messrs John Whitney, Benjamin Houghton, Josiah Ballard, Cyprus Fairbanks, Ebenezer Allen } Committee.
9. Voted that a Committee of three be chosen by ballot for the purpose of contracting with some person or persons to make Provision for the Ordination of Mr Nathaniel Thayer, upon such terms and in such manner, as they shall judge will be most for the Interest and Honor of the Town —
10. Chose Messrs Ebe Sawyer, Ephes Carter, Josiah Wilder } Committee.
11. Voted that the present Committee for Repairing the Meeting House, be, and are directed to Plaister, White-wash, and support the Floors & Galleries in such manner as may be suitable and safe for Mr Thayers Ordination.

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12. Voted that the same Committee be, and are, directed to sell one Seat on each side of the middle Isle, agreeably to the 6. Article in the Warrant.
13. Voted that the same Committee, make such Repairs in the Pulpit as will be for the convenience of Mr. Thayer.
14. Voted that the Selectmen be and are directed to make such Repairs on the Road by Winter Bridge, (so called) as are necessary to make it safe for Travelers; at the Towns expence.
15. Voted to accept and establish the private-way, as laid out by the Selectmen, at the request of Joel Osgood.
16. Voted that the Ordination of Mr. Nathaniel Thayer be on Wednesday the 9. of October next; agreeably to the verbal report of the Committee.
17. Voted to pass over the 9. Article of the Warrant, to the adjournment of this Meeting.
18. Voted to pass over the 3. Article of the Warrant to the same Adjournment.
19. Voted to Adjourn this meeting to Monday the 16. of Septr. next. at 4 O'Clock P.M. - then to meet at this Place -

Test Ebenezer Allen Moderator.
A true Copy attest
Joseph Wales Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town-Meeting Sept. 16. 1793.

(Seal) To Mr Joseph Wales, Town Clerk. Greeting.
In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to Vote in Town Affairs, to Assemble at the Meeting-House in said Town, on Monday the sixteenth day of Septr. current at two of the Clock P.M. for the following purposes - viz. -
1. To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting -
2. To appoint an Agent^t or Agents for the Town, to shew cause at the next Session of the General Court, why the prayer of Samuel Thurston

Petition should not be granted, agreeable to a
Citation from the said Court for that purpose. —
3. To choose a suitable Person as Pound-Keeper.
4. To direct their Committee for repairing the
Meeting-House, to paint the front work of the
Galleries & Pulpit. —

Given under our hands and Seal this
second day of Sept. A. D. 1793. —

William Flagg
Eli Stearns } Selectmen
John Carter } of
Lancaster

To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the
Town of Lancaster, Greeting —
In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massa-
chusetts, you are warned to appear at
the time & place & for the purposes directed
in the above Warrant —

Sept. 2. 1793 Joseph Wales J. Clerk

Lancaster Sept. 16. 1793. I have warned the
Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town
of Lancaster, to assemble at the time &
place & agreeably to the within Warrant,
by Posting the same fourteen Days at
the Meeting-house in s. Town

Joseph Wales J. Clerk.

Proceedings of Town Meeting Sept. 16 93 —

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants
of the Town of Lancaster held on Monday Sept. 16.
1793. the following Votes were passed — viz —
1. Chose Capt. Samd. Ward Moderator —
2. Chose the present Representative of Lancaster
3. Oppose the prayer of the Petition of Samuel
Thurston, agreeably to a Citation from the general
Court of the Commonwealth — for that purpose —
3 Chose Capt. John Sherwood Pound-Keeper. —
4. Voted that the Committee for repairing the
Meeting-house be and they are directed to Paint
the Front Work of the Gallaries the Pulpit & Pew Seats —
5 Voted to dissolve this Meeting — Samuel Ward Moderator —

A true Copy Test J. Wales T. C.

Adjournment of Town Meeting Sept. 26–93 to Sept. 16–, Proceedings &c.

At the Adjournment of a ~~Town~~ Meeting of the Free-holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Leicester held on 26th Sept. 1793. to Sept. 16. 1793. the following Votes were passed — viz ——

1. Voted that the Selectmen & Committee for providing for the Ordination of Rev. Thayer, be and are authorized to assign Seats for the Choir, Council and Singers, and to appoint suitable persons to guard the same, and the Doors and preserve due Order in and about the Meeting-house, on ~~said day~~ the Day of s.d Ordination. ——
2. Voted to pass over the Article in the Warrant for this Meeting which have not been acted upon, to the Adjournment hereafter to be made ——
3. Voted to accept the report of the Committee on School-Squadrons in the North Part of the Town, so far as not to interfere with a former Vote of the Town — granting the People called Shakers, the privilege of observing their own Money & Schooling it out in their own way. (See this Report in the Last Page of this Book.) Recorded in.
4. Voted that the two School-Squadrons called Col. H. Hinckley & Solomon Godfreys — be joined & make one Squadron ——
5. Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the 21. of Oct. next at 2 o'Clock P.M. then to meet at this Place —— Ebenr. Allen Moderator

Test Copy Attd. J. Wales T. C. ——

Proceedings of the Inhabitants of Town Meeting Sept. 26. to Oct. 21. 1793.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Leicester Oct. 21. — 1793. agreeably to adjournment ——

Chose Timothy Whiting Junr. Engr. Town Clerk P.T.

1. Voted to accept the report of the Committee relative to the time and mode of payment of the Revd. Nathl. Thayers Settlement & Salary. ——
2. Voted to accept the account of the Committee, who were chosen to provide for the Council &c. at the Ordination of the Revd. Nathaniel Thayer ——
3. Voted that the Thanks of the Town be presented to Majr. Joseph Wales, Oliver Baxter and Eli Stearns for their timely & useful assertions, in ~~[illegible]~~

preparing suitable provision &c. for the Ordaining Council, and for the polite manner in which they conducted the business of attending upon them — and that their kindly rendering this service be recorded in grateful remembrance of their generosity.

4. Voted to raise two hundred pounds, to be appropriated for the payment of the Revd. Nathaniel Thayer's settlement agreeably to the report of the committee on the subject this day accepted by the Town —

5. Voted to raise fifty seven pounds six shillings and eight pence [See the Note below, on this*] to be immediately applied for the purpose of discharging the Amount of the Committee, chosen to provide for the Ordaining Council &c. —

6. Voted that the Town Treasurer be directed in his said Capacity, to give his Obligations to the Revd. Nathaniel Thayer for his settlement agreeably to the report of the Committee on the subject this day accepted.

7. Voted, unanimously, to request a Copy of the Sermon, Charge, and right hand of fellowship, of the Gentlemen Clergy, who delivered them at the Ordination of Revd. N. Thayer.

8. Voted that Mr. Ebenr. Toney — Timothy Whiting Jun. & Israel Atherton Esquires, be a Committee to request a Copy of the aforesaid Sermon, Charge, and right hand of fellowship, for the Press. — — —

9. Voted, that as it is proposed to have said Sermon, Charge, and right hand of fellowship, printed by subscription, the Treasurer of the Town is directed to subscribe, viz. on behalf of the Town, for one hundred Copies for the use of said Town, to be disposed of as follows the viz.
20, for the Revd. Nathaniel Thayer —
12, for the Revd. David Osgood,
6, for the President of the University at Cambridge.
16, being one for each of the Revd. Clergy, who assisted upon the Council, at the Ordination of the Revd. Nathaniel Thayer.
46, to be distributed among such Heads of Families belonging to the Church & Congregation, as shall choose to receive them Gratis. —
100.

10. Voted to Dissolve this meeting. Ebenezer Allen Moderator.
Attest Timothy Whiting Jun. Clk. Pro. Tem.
A true Copy, Attest Joseph Wales Town Clerk.

* Note — In this grant of Mr. Toney's — a small error in Jos. Wales's Amt as mentioned in the Margin — ten shillings & 8 pence leaves fifty six pounds sixteen shillings & 8 pence to be raised.
£56-16-8.

(Oct. 21. 17
Proceedings
of Town Meeting
Continued

Dep.ᵗ of the Committee, in Letter No. M. to Thayer & the Salary.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, — Lancaster Oct.ʳ 12. 1793

Gentlemen

Your Committee chosen at a former meeting, to treat with the Rev.ᵈ Nathaniel Thayer and propose on such times and modes of payment of his settlement and Salary as may be best adapted to his circumstances, and the convenience & Interest of the Town, have attended that service, and do report as follows — viz.ᵗ —

1. That in respect to the payment of the two hundred pounds Settlement — it is agreed, that one hundred pounds be paid to the Rev.ᵈ Nathaniel Thayer, in one year from the day of his Ordination, without Interest — and that an Obligation be given him for the payment of the other hundred pounds of his Settlement, payable in two years from the Day of his Ordination, with Interest from that Day till paid.

2. That in respect to the times of payment of his annual stipulated Salary, it is also agreed, that it should be paid to him half yearly (viz.ᵗ) one half of the same on the first Day of March, and the other half on the first Day of September, annually —

Israel Atherton
Sam.ˡ Ward
Ebenʳ Sawyer
Sam.ˡ Wetherbee Jun.ʳ
& John.ᵃ Carter
} Committee.

Consented to by Nathaniel Thayer.
Signed —

A true Copy, Joseph Wheeler Town Clerk

Town of Lancaster To the Committee chosen to make suitable Provisions for the Comfort &c. of the Ordination of the Rev.ᵈ Nathaniel Thayer &c.ᵃ

Dr.

To Balance due Joseph Wheeler, p.ᵗ his account Current rendered — £43-12
" Do — Do Oliver Carter p.ᵗ Do — 8-17-3
" Do — Do Eli Stearns p.ᵗ Do — 5-3
£57-6-8

Town accepted Joseph Wheeler, Eli Stearns, Oliver Carter } Committee.

Mr. Wheeler's error in J. Wheeler's Act. as stated in the Margin — 10 6
£56-16-2

and £42-18-8. to 24 — To be raised

A true Copy, attest Joseph Wheeler Town Clerk

Account of the Committee for Provisions for Ordination

1793. Oct. 11

(Seal) To Mr. Joseph Wallis Town Clerk, Greeting.

In the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to Warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to assemble at the Meeting House in said Lancaster, on Tuesday the twenty first day of January instant at one of the Clock in the afternoon, for the following purposes - viz -

1. To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.
2. To hear and act upon the communication of the Town of Leominster respecting the division of the County of Worcester. — —
3. To see what measures the Town will adopt for bringing to a close, all the demands and accounts between the Town and the Managers of Lancaster Lottery, and all Committees and Persons who have demands and accounts relating to said Lottery, or to the objects of the grant of the same; and to do and transact any matters or things the Town may see fit or expedient for settling that business, either in whole or part. —
4. To give such directions as the Town may think proper, to their Treasurer respecting a settlement of the demand existing against Nathaniel Willard on account of Taxes for the year 1791. for those delinquent Dear. Cyprus Gardner is responsible, or act any thing relating thereto.
5. To hear and act upon the report of their committee appointed to devise an uniform method to be observed by the several School Masters in Town, for teaching Schools in future; and to adopt all or any part of the rules and methods of instruction in said Schools which said Committee may propose; or act any thing relating thereto.

Warrant for Town Meeting Jan 21 - 94

Given under our hands & Seal the sixth day of January A.D. 1794.

William Stedman } Selectmen
Eli Stearns }
Jon Carter } Lancaster

Leominster Jan 6. 1794 —

In pursuance to the above Warrant, The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Leominster are hereby warned to meet at the time & place and for the purposes in the said Warrant mentioned. Test. [illegible]

Return on Warrant

Jan.y 21. 1794. I have warned the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster to meet agreeably to the within Warrant. by Posting the same fourteen Days at the Meeting-House — J. Wheeler Town Clerk.

Proceedings of Meeting Jan.y 21-94.

At a meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, held on Tuesday Jan.y 21. 1794 — the following Votes were passed — viz. ——

1. Chose Capt. Sam.l Ward Moderator. ——

2. Voted that a Committee of three be chosen to Instruct our Representative at the General Court of this Common-Wealth, relative to a Division of the County of Worcester. —

3. Chose Jn.o Sprague
Wm. Stedman
Jd. Atherton Esq.rs } Committee

The Committee on the second Article, report the following vote viz. — — —
The Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster having attended to the subject of the Article, feel themselves obliged to any Corporation or person who may entertain any improvement in the Common-Wealth, nor desirous of aiding and supporting any Division of the same into Counties, that the Legislature or the approaching Convention for revising the Constitution may enact or obtain in pursuance of which desires, they instruct their Representative to pay particular attention to the subject of this vote — and to the utmost of his Abilities, to effectuate what he may suppose most conducive to the general Good

4. Voted to accept this report. —

5. Voted exempt the Bridge Committee from any further service. —

3. Voted to accept the report of the Bridge Committee of Jan.y 16. Current, and the Amounts therewith exhibited.

6. Voted that the Selectmen be Authorized to draw Orders in favour of those Persons to whom balances appear to be due, agreeably to Amounts of the Bridge Committee

7. Voted that a Committee be chosen to view the Bridges & Causeways ~~&c &c &c~~ viz. & Repair.

8. Chose Lt Jon.a White) For Whites Bridge &c
Lt D. Houghton) Pondmeadow &c
M.r Whiting) Committee Commits &c
E. Maynard) Spragues &c
W.m B. Jones) Neals &c
Mr Jon.a Wilder) Atherstons —
Mr Jr. Cudlard) Sawyers —

9. Voted that the above Committee make the necessary repairs on the Bridges & Causeways, under the direction of the Selectmen, and ~~&~~ exhibit their accounts for settlement.

10. Voted that the Selectmen be directed to present the Bridge Committee with the amount of Taxes from Persons on the Bridge Tax of 1789. so as they may have the priviledge of working them out where they respectively live.

11. Voted that the Selectmen be directed to draw orders on the Managers of Lancaster Lottery for forty three pounds fifteen shillings & seven pence, &c. and appropriate the same agreeably to the Lottery act.

12. Voted that the Town Clerk be directed to furnish the Town of Leominster with the doings of the Town of Lancaster relative to a Separation of the County of Worcester.

13. Voted that the Selectmen & Treasurer be authorized to conclude the dispute with Nathaniel Willard and Dr. Cyrus Fairbanks respecting the deficiency of Taxes due from them for the year 1791 by prosecuting them for the same in the Courts of Law to final Judgment or refering the demands against them thereby to Judicious men or in any other way which their discretion may point out.

14. Voted that the Town acknowledge with grateful pleasure the services of the Revd Nathaniel Thayer which he rendered (at their request) the Committee for procuring an uniform method to be observed in teaching the several Schools in Town.

15. Voted to accept the Report of the Committee appointed Schooling with this exception that Indented Apprentices and Servants be not held to observe the Rule given in Report.

Scouring continued

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January 7, 1816 Continued

Voted to dissolve this Meeting

Samuel Ward Moderator.

Test Copy

Attest Josh. Wales T. Clerk.

Report of Committee on Schooling

The Committee appointed by the Town to propose some uniform method of instruction to be observed in the several Schools, reported, viz.

1 Art. 1. The Grammar School Master shall reprove & discommend such children as cannot read the english language by spelling the same, unless the Selectmen shall otherwise direct, agreeable to the Law. —

2. The third Class shall consist of those, who read the english Language by spelling the same; and the Classes they read in this manner, they shall be taught to spell without the Book, and particularly attend to accents. —

Schooling. 3. The second Class shall read without spelling; and by the use of the Dictionary, shall practise upon the principles of spelling, in which they have before been instructed; they shall also learn english Grammar, and apply the rules of Grammar in their reading; upon their improvement herein, they shall be learned to write.

1 4. The first Class, in addition to the exercises of the second Class, shall be instructed in Arithmetic & Geography.

5. The Scholars in the district Schools, having made such proficiency, as to be able to read the english Language by Spelling the same, shall conform to the method above prescribed. —

1 6. Persons, who, in the opinion of the visiting Committee, are sufficiently qualified for the purpose, may, if it be requested by their Parents, be taught the Latin and Greek Languages. —

1 7. The following Books shall be used in the Schools, viz. Perry's Spelling book and Grammar, Perry's Dictionary, the Bible, Pikes Arithmetic and Morse's abridgement of his Geography. —

1 8. The Latin and Greek Authors, to be used in the Grammar School, shall be prescribed only by the visiting Committee. —

1 9. The district School Masters shall summon the

Committee, of the time of visitation, with a list of their Scholars, drafted agreeable to the foregoing regulations. — Report continued.

10. The School Committees in the several districts shall give notice to the existing Committee of the time when their respective Schools commence, and for what term they shall continue. — —

11. The Town Clerk shall furnish the Grammar School Master for the time being, and the several district Committees, with a Copy of the preceding regulations. —

The Committee recommend to the consideration of the Town, the expediency of purchasing a number of Reading Books — Dictionaries and a Gridiron of Geography above mentioned, which shall be apportioned among the several school districts for the use of the Schools; and in their opinion a smaller number of those Books, than will supply each individual Scholar, will be sufficient. the number and apportionment thereof to be reported to the Town by the existing Committee and to be distributed to the School Committee of the several districts, under such regulations as shall be thought proper. —

They also recommend to the Committees in the several districts, that the School Masters they may employ, obtain a certificate of their qualifications agreeable to the Law, before they begin their Schools. — — They further recommend that a Committee be annually appointed, to carry into effect the foregoing regulations, or to alter, amend or modify them, as they shall from observation, find necessary, for the purpose of rendering uniform, the mode of instruction in the several Schools. Nathaniel Sawyer.

Examined per Jon. Sawyer, Town Clerk.
21. 11. 74 — Daniel Sheldon
Wm Hadmon
Saml Wood

Town Clerk's Office, Concord, N. Hamp.

Report of Bridge Committee

Here follows an Account of the Bridge Work and expence thereof, done under the direction of the present Bridge Committee.

The North Bridge	£134-2-6½
Surveyors Do	149-1-1½
Repairs of Benitts Do	19-14-10
Repairs Whites Causey	15-14-5
Repairs Atherton Bridge	9-2-4
Repairs various smalls Do	6-" -"
Repairs Farnedon Do	3-11-3
	£337-5-6

The above amount discharged as follows viz. By part of the Bridge Surplus of £150 committed to the present Bridge Committee, of which they have accounted and for various persons Labour, their Sums amounting to £115-4-5

By Orders drawn on the Managers of the Lottery amounting to 215-2-7.

By a sum due to sundry Persons as stated in Account W.H. here with presented 6-18-6

£337-5-6.

Next follows an Amount of the Debts discharged by the present Bridge Committee, which had become due, previous to their appointment, and since settled agreeably to vote of the House.

To Cash paid by an Order on the Managers of the Lottery, in favour of Jon.a Wilder towards the Richardson Debt £118-9-9

To Cash P.d by an Order on the Managers in favr of Joseph Exeter towards the Richardson Debt 18-7-8

To Cash P.d by an Order on the Managers in favr of Jon.a Farnham towards the Richardson Do 62-17-8

To Cash P.d by an Order on the Managers in favr of John Whitelegg Junr for Do.s heard so towards the same 30-" -"

To Cash P.d by an Order on the Managers in favr of Jn.o Sharpe for a Tenement originally the Duke's Stairs 15-" -"

To Cash P.d by an Order on the Managers in favr of Edmd Heard for attendance of himself & Committee at the general Court on the Lottery Business, assembled to Vote of the House 10-13-2

To Cash P.d by Orders on the Managers in favr of sundry Persons for Amount of Wages due for Sub.e a building Smiths Bridge 30-7-7

To Cash P.d by Order on the former Managers in favr of Moses Smith for a Bal.e due to him in behalf of the former Bridge Committee 20-16-5

£475-8-3

Carried over

The Committee further state, that after discharging Acct. Cont. over —
and settling the sums aforesaid, they adjusted Accounts
between the Town, Bridge Committee and present
Managers of the Lottery, on the 27th Oct.r 1792, when
there appeared a balance of the neat proceeds of the
Lottery in their hands as follows — viz.

In the hands of Col. Edmund Heard £92-16-4⅙
In the hands of Capt.n Ephm Carter Junr 87-11-7½
In the hands of Mr Jona Wilder ---30-4-11½ £210-12-11

Since which time, the Bridge Committee
have drawn Orders on the said Managers
as follows — viz. —

An Order on Edmund Heard, in favour of
Ebenezer Torrey & Seamour, for the use } £71-----
of the Town for Bridge Materials &c. adven.

An Order on Ephm Carter, in favour
of s.d Seamour, for the use of the Town, for } 67-----
Bridge Materials &c. advanced. ---

An Order on Jona Wilder, in favour of
said Seamour, for the use of the Town } 23-----
for Labour &c. advanced. ---

An Order on Edm.d Heard, in favour of } £168-11-11
Benj.a Hoyt & Thos Hoyt, for Bridge Timber } 7-----
Balance of neat proceeds of Lottery, undrawn for --- £42-12-11

There is also due, upon the Bridge Tax of £150. for the year
1793, from the several Persons named in the Account No 2.
herewith presented, various sums, the aggregate of
which is ---------- £34-15-7
Deduct therefrom, the sum due to individu-
duals, as before stated ----- £6-10-6
And the Committee charge for services
which remain unpaid — viz —
John Sprague — ---------- 1-4-11
John Sheppard ---------- 2-2-11
Josiah Whitney Junr -- 2-8-11 £12-12-6 £22-3-1
Total balance of the neat proceeds of the Lottery, in the
present Managers hands, undrawn for is — ---- £42-12-11
Total amount of Arrears due upon the aforesaid
Bridge Tax, after collecting a sum sufficient to
discharge the arrears due to Individuals, agreeable
to the present Cont stated will be ------ £27-3-1
Total balance in favour of the Town -- £64-15-1

Lancaster June 16. 1794
John Sprague
Josiah Whitney Junr } Bridge Committee
John Sheppard

Jon Lowry Atter J. Wells T.C.

Bridge Committee Accounts

No. 1. Amount of Monies due Persons who have been employed in building and repairing Bridges in Lancaster, under the present Bridge Committee.

Jonathan Johnson	£ 1 11	Brot. o/s	£ 2 11 3
Benjamin Priest	9	Robert Phillips	1 9
Peter Shirkney	9	Calvin Sawyer	2
Samuel Sanderson	1 9	Samuel Sergeant	8 9
Joseph White	4 11	John Sergeant & Son	9
Paul Willard	3	Parson Sergeant	10
Jacob Deacon	9	Peter Thurston	1 7
Will.m Bridge	1 9	Samuel Wood	8 9
Oliver Carter	1 2	John Wilder	3 7
James Carter Jun.r	15	Moses Dickenson	3
James Fuller	2	Moses Pollard	4
Ignatius Fuller	1 9	Moses Pollard	1 9
Elijah Houghton Jun.r	3	Parson Rugg	4
Will.m Sanderson	2 9	Tho.s Brazer Esq.r	4
John Manning	3	Josiah Whiting	4
Rev.d Wm Bigelow	£ 1 6 3	John Whiting	1 2 4
Carried o/s	£ 2 11 3	Isaac Tichout	£ 1 17 10
		Amt.	£ 6 18 6

No. 2. Amount of Monies due from Persons on the Bridge Tax of 1789 for £150 Committed to the present Bridge Committee.

Peter Atherton	£ 4 8	Brot. o/s	£ 8 16 6
Jon.a Amory of Boston	4	Peter Green	2 2
Samuel Bennett	2 5	Sol.n Godfrey	7 10
Reuben Bancroft	11	Mrs Dorothea Hartford	1 2
Benj.n Bailey	13 4	Andrew Henshell	2 5
Abel Beckwith	7 1	Nath.l Henshell	2 3
Ebenr. Blood	4 11	Moses Heywood	18 3
Hawkbill Bridge	2 3	John Hunter	6 6
Mrs Dorothy Cummings	2 9	David Harley	8 3
John Carr of Shell	2	Will.m Harley	5 3
James Carlton	4 4	Saml Johnson	3 5
David Chamberlain	2 3	Mary Knights	10 11
Oliver Chase	2 3	Mary Knights Widow	7 2
James Clark	3 3	Sam.l Knights Westmoreland	5
John Cleveland	2 4	Daniel Knights	2 3
Dennis Dennis	4 7	Jacob Kelbone	2 3
Wm De Jonston	3	Jon.a Kenney	2 4
Jonas Fowle	1 9	James Lane	5 8
Jonas Leverbrook	6 9	Aaron Lyon	1 1 1
Nath.l Leeton	1 5 7	John Melvin	6 3
Will.m Blood	4	Isaac Mason	2 3
Will.m Greenleaf	2 11 3	Amt. o/s	£ 14 10 2
Wm Greenleaf Jun.r	12 11		
Carried o/s	£ 8 16 6		

Mr. Geo. Wyse	£14-18-2	Benj.a Wilson	£25-5-10
Michael Rockwell	2-11	Peter Willard	2-3
Joseph Nichols	6-3	James Hayman	2-6
Aristia Phelps	4-8	Jon.a Wood	2-11
Wm Phelps	8-4	John Splendine	2-3
Joel Phelps	4-5	Daniel Abbott	1-8
John Phelps	2-3	[illegible]	1-1
Jon.a Pickle	2-3	James Carter	2-10
Abijah Phelps	5-5	Peter Wilder 3d Minist.	1-2
Elisha Phelps	2-3	Eph.m Dwol	2-7
David Phelps	6	Henan Eager	2-3
W.m Eliz.a Phelps	6-[illegible]	W.m Ennis Everitt	11
Ethan Phelps	1-3-4	Phin.s Fletcher	5-7
Elect. Pratt	1-[illegible]	Peter Grout 3d Heath	10
Tha.s Pollard Remd	6-5	Dan.l Ingraham Esqr	2-8
Peter Perham	3	Edw.d Johnson	3-5
Edm.d Robbins	2-3	Nath.l Jarbyne	7-7
Eleaz.r Robbins	7-7	Solomon Nelson	2-3
Eli Stearns	8-6	Nath.l Kimball	2-4
Jas.b Sweetser	16-5	Amon Kilburn	3
Samuel Stevens	2-3	Ana Knowlton	2-3
Sam.l Tenney	2-3	Thos Lincoln	2-3
Jon.a Tenney	£2-9-2	Thos Legate Esqr	6-10
	£21-6-7	Nath.l Miller	£2-8-3
Oliver Tenney	9-1		£28-6-7
Peter Tenney	2-7	Joseph Osgood	18-2
Silley Whitcomb	2-3	Joel Osgood	11
Abijah White	3	Step.n Pratt	2-5
John White	2-9	Zeb.l Rice for Son	6
John White Jr.	1-6	Elijah Cross	4
Jon.a White	3-5	Enoch Cross	2-3
James White	2-7	Amos Sawyer 2d	2-3
Oliver Whitney	1-10	Percival Sawyer	2-3
Samuel Whitney	13-7	John Sergeant	15-3
Jon.a Wheelock	2-5	Will.m Stevens	5
Benj.n Wheelock	2-3	Sam.l Townsend	2-1
Simon Willard	12-2	Jon.a Wheelock Jr.	9-1
Will.m Willard	3-7	Moses Wilder	7
Wm Willard Jun.	1-10	Josi.h Patterson Esqr	2-5
Nath.l Willard Jr.	9	Jon.a Patterson Jr.	7
John Willard	5-3-9	John Canter Esqr	10
Carried wh	£25-5-10	John Cantell Jr.	2
		Oliver Houghton Jr.	2-7
		John Wood Jr.	1-2
		Carried wh	£32

Committee Acct.

Amount brot. up	£32-16	Brot. up	£33-6-6
Benj.ª Dolbear Dr.	1-7	Wm. White Dr.	2-5
Wm. Sallas Dr.	1-2	Samuel Willy Dr.	2-5
Saml. Newton Hampton Dr.	6-8	Nath.l Wright Dr.	7
Nathan Parmes Dr.	3-2	Thos. Wright Dr.	2-9
John Cleverly Dr.	1-1	Ebenr. Potter Dr.	2-5
Thos. Pollard Dr.	2-5	Phenexas Wilder Dr.	3-2
Nath.l Whitemore Dr.	1-7	Nath.l Hastings Dr.	2-
John Cummings Dr.	1-1	Fabrin Sawyer Dr.	3-4
Solomon Coolidge Dr.	2-3	Josiah Sawyer Dr.	11
Elisha Atherton Dr.	7	Jno.ª Potter Dr.	7
Jacob Bennett Dr.	10	Samuel Gordin	2-3
Jacob Bennett Jr. Dr.	1-2	Daniel Johnson	2-3
Benj.ª Hampton Dr.	2-5	Daniel Pendexter	3-
Cr.	£33-6-6	Solomon Sawyer Dr.	2-3

Warrant for Town Meeting March 3 — 1794.

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To Mr. Joseph Wales - Town Clerk, - Greeting

In the Name of the Common-Wealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to warn the Free-holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in Town affairs, for a preliminary to Assemble at the Meeting-house in said Town, on Monday the third day of March next at twelve o'Clock at noon, for the following purposes. Viz:

1. To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting —
2. To choose Town Officers for the ensuing year.
3. To grant monies to defray the expences of the Town for the ensuing year. —
4. To act on the recommendation of the Committee for devising an uniform method of instruction in the Schools, relative to the purchase of Books &c. — —
5. To appoint a Committee to carry into effect the regulations reported to the Town by the above mentioned Committee, or to alter, amend or annul the same as they shall find necessary for ensuring uniformity in the method of instruction in the several Schools, and as in their opinion shall be most promotive of the important business of education. — — — — —

6. To adopt a resolution for supplying the district schools with wood. —

7. To give in their votes for a County Treasurer. —

8. To consider of the expediency of selling the remainder of Dracut Pond, or of repurchasing that part already sold, and act any thing relative thereto. —

9. To order the erection of necessary Buildings, near the Meeting House and Grammar School House. —

10. To consider of the expediency of allowing to the Managers of the Lyceum such sum as they may think proper, or act any thing relative thereto. —

Warrant Continued.

Letter, a certain Piece or Parcel of Land, situate, lying & being in the Town of Lancaster, the same which was laid out to Thomas Wood, Esq. by Deed of Gift, bearing date the 22d day of March 1793, and recorded with Worcester Deeds, Book 39, Page 251, reference thereto being had will more fully appear, the Rents, Issues & Profits thereof, to be applied to the Support of the Grammar School in said Lancaster forever.

Given under our hands & Seal the seventh day of February A. D. 1794.

William Stevens
Eli Sterns
John Carter
} Selectmen of Lancaster.

Lancaster Feby 10. 1794.

To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster — Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby warned to meet at the time & place & for the purposes directed in the foregoing Warrant —

Joseph Wales Town Clk.

March 3. 1794. I have warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, to meet agreeably to the within Warrant by posting the same as the Law directs —

Joseph Wales Town Clk.

Proceedings of Town Meeting March 4. 1794.

At a legal Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster held on Monday March 3. 1794. The Town proceeded as follows — viz. —

1. Chose Capt. Samuel Wood Moderator. —
2. Chose Joseph Wales Town Clerk. —
3. Voted to choose a committee of three to examine the Pecuniary Account of the Town the preceding year — presented by the Selectmen. —
4. Chose Timothy Whiting Junr. Esqr.
John S. Gregore Esqr.
Joseph Wales.
} Committee
to report at 4 adjd Meeting. —

Proceedings of March Meeting Continued 1774.

5. Chose Mr. Ebenezer Torrey Town Treasurer.
6. Chose Mess.rs William Stedman, John Carter 2d & Warner } Selectmen.
7. Chose Mess.rs John Sprague, Samuel Ward 2d, Timothy Whiting Jr. } Assessors.
8. Chose Mess.rs Thomas Barlow Jonas Kane - James Goodwin - Samuel Wilder - Elijah White 2d Asa Whittemore - Amos Sawyer - Seth Sergeant - James Fuller - Gaven Nevins - Moses Sawyer Surveyors of Highways.
9. Chose Mess.rs John White 3.d John Stimpson Field Drivers.
11. Chose Mess.rs Paul Willard & Jonas Fairbank Fence viewers.
11. Chose Mess.rs Samuel Wilder & Elijah White Sworn Surveyors of Staves.
12. Chose Mess.rs Daniel Goss & Hamy Hubbell Sworn Surveyors of Clabboards & Shingles.
13. Chose Mr. Moses Sawyer Deer Reve.
14. Chose Mess.rs Daniel Goss & Elisha Bragg Tythingmen.
15. Chose Mr. Joseph Carter Sealer of Leather.
16. Chose Mess.rs Peter Stimpson Jun.r & Solomon Willard Hogg Reves.
17. Chose Capt.t John Hayward Pound-keeper.
18. Chose Mess.rs Ebenez.r Torrey & Benj.a Willard 2d, Oliver Carter & Hemith Rice } Fish-Wardens.
19. The Votes handed in & counted for a County Treasurer, were for Samuel Allen of Worcester 57.
20. Voted to choose a visiting Committee of seven to inspect the several Schools in Town the ensuing year.
21. Chose Rev.d Mr. Samuel Sprague, John Sprague Esq.r, Timothy Whiting Jun.r Esq.r, Will.m Stedman Esq.re, John Whiting Esq.re, Capt.t Samuel Ward, Mr. Eli Stearns } Committee.
22. Dismissed the 6. Article in the Warrant.
23. Voted to choose a Committee of three, to wait on the Selectmen Relative to the Roads & report their opinion relative to the same - at the next Meeting - agreeable to the Article in the Warrant for that purpose.
24. Chose Mess.rs Eli Stearns, Esq.re Jonathan Rice Asa Warner, Committee.

25. Voted to Instruct the Trustees of Building Company Homes about the Meeting house & Grammar School Homes to the Committee on Lodge pole Hill Road.

26. Voted to delay selling on the Managers of Lancaster Lottery for the balance of £92-10- now in their hands- for the term of one year- their paying Interest on the same, from the time it becomes due. and the said Managers are exempted from paying the said balance, till the expiration of one year from this Day.

27. Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in April next- at 3 o'Clock P.M. then to meet at this place. — Samuel Ward Moderator.

Test Copy - Attest Jo. Wales Town Clerk.

Lancaster March 13. 1794.

Personally appeared - Paul Wilkins - James Lowe, Samuel Wilder - John Thurston - Gerrish Newman, Thomas Prentiss - Merrick Rice - Oliver Carter - Seth Sergeant - John White 3d. Salmon Wilkins Elijah White - William Stedman - John Carter - Asa Warner - John Sprague - Moses Sawyer - Peter Thurston Jun. Elisha Rice - Amos Fuller - John Maynard. Timothy Whiting Jun - Treas. - Mr. Ebenr. Torrey. Samuel Ward - between the above Date & March 12 — (Members - Justices Whitemore - and were severally Sworn to the faithful Performance of the Duties of the several Offices - to which they were chosen by the Town of Lancaster at their Annual March Meeting - before me Joseph Wales Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting April 1794

Test Jo. Wales Town Clerk - Greeting; In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote for a Governor &c. and in other Town affairs, to assemble at the Meeting-house on Monday the seventh Day of April next, at one o'Clock P.M. to act on the following Articles — (viz)

Warrant for 1st Meeting

1st To give in their votes for Governor Lieut. Governor Councillors & Senators for the ensuing year.

Continued 1794.

2. To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting for Town Affairs. — — — —

3. To choose a Committee to examine Nathaniel Willards Surveyors bills, and report thereon - or act any thing relating thereto. — — —

4. To appropriate the Monies to be granted at the adjournment of March Meeting - last. — —

5. To choose a Committee to provide a Latin-Grammar School Master for the ensuing year. —

Given under our hands and Seals, the Seventeenth Day of March A.D. 1794.

March 14th 1794 — John Carter, Wm. Sheldon, Asa Warner — Selectmen of Lancaster.

To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster - - — Greeting. —

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts - you are Warned to Assemble at the time & place, and for the purposes directed in the foregoing Warrant. —

Joseph Wales Town Clerk. —

April 7. 1794.

I have Warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, to appear as directed in the within Warrant - by Posting the same as the Law directs —

Joseph Wales Town Clerk.

Proceedings on the above Warrant.

At a Meeting of the Male Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote for a Governor &c. and also in Town Affairs - their proceedings were as follows — viz: —

1. The votes counted - sorted - declared and sealed up in presence of the Selectmen &c. were

For Governor

Hon. Samuel Adams 52
Willm. Cushing - 31
James Sullivan 1
Elbridge Gerry - 1
Th. Russell - 1

For Lieut. Governor

Henry Moses Gill — 50
Elbridge Gerry - 6
Samuel Adams - 6
Willm. Cushing 6
Wid. Heath - 1.

for Commissioners & Selectmen.

Revd. Moses Gill 40	Jon.a Skinner 7
Salem Gore - 27	Samel Parker 65
John Sprague 64	Josiah Stearns 66
Benj.a Heywood 28.	Benj.a Reed — 28
	Daniel Bigelow - 1

2. Chose Capt. Samuel Ward, Moderator.
3. Voted to choose a Committee of three to examine the Town-bills of Nath.l Willard, to report thereon at May Meeting. — —
4. Chose, Majr. John Whiting, Eph.m Carter, Joseph Wales } Committee.
5. Voted to choose a committee of three, to hire a Lieut. Grand School Master for the ensuing year.
6. Chose Majr. William Stedman, Joseph Wales, John Maynard } Committee.

The Town then took up the adjournment of March Meeting last — and proceeded as follows — viz. 1 — Chose Mr. Benj.a Wyman, Constable — who appeared — and was Sworn before J. Whiting Esq.r

Adjournment of March Meeting 1794.

2. Voted to raise five hundred & seventy pounds for the purpose of defraying the necessary expences of the Town the ensuing year.
3. Voted to raise one hundred and twenty pounds to be worked out on the high Ways, the year ensuing.
4. Accepted the Report of a Committee chosen to examine the Prudential Accounts of the Selectmen for 793
5. Accepted the Amount as Stated between the Selectmen an Treasurer for 793
6. Accepted the Report of a Committee — which follows viz. — — — Lancaster March 27. 1794.

We the Subscribers, a Committee raised to examine into the propriety of selling the remainder of Nashaponkatin-Road, or a part thereof having part already sold, and report the same to the Town, & also to report on the expediency of erecting necessary Buildings near the Meeting-house and Grammar-School house — have this Day attended said Business and do report as follows viz — That in our opinion it is necessary the Town should retain here that part of the Road already sold, which may be

Proceedings of Byfield Town & Mang. Meeting Continued 1794.

obtained for £3-12, the same it was sold for.- Third ally. that it is requisite there should be two Necessary Buildings erected behind the Meeting-house, roofed under the same Roof with the Sheds, whenever they shall be built on that Ground;- that they be four feet wide, each, as does long as the breadth of the Sheds from the Posts back;- and that one Building for a like purpose be erected behind (or near) the Grammar School house - to be seven feet long & four & an half feet wide & six and an half feet high. the sides to be made of rough Boards and the Sh. covered with Shingles.— The cost of the three Buildings with in our opinion, be about £12. — — Eli Stearns
Capn Isaiah Bentley
Ens Wanner } —

7. Voted that the Selectmen agree with some Person to build the Necessary Houses agreeable to the foregoing Report of the Committee. —

8. Voted to dissolve this Meeting — Samuel Ward Moder.r —

The Town then resumed the business of April Meeting viz 6. Voted that there be one hundred pounds, of the Monies raised to defray the necessary expenses of the Town, for the ensuing year appropriated for the support of the Eng.h Grammar Schools and seventy pounds of the same Monies for support of the Latin Grammar School —

Continuation of the proceedings of Ap.l Meeting 1794.

7 Voted that the Monies to be worked out on the High-Ways be done in the same way and manner as last year. —

8. Voted to dissolve this Meeting Sam.l Ward Moder.r —

Test Copy Attest Jo. Wales Town Clerk —

Account of expenditures of the Town of Lancaster from March 4th 1793 to March 3d 1794

Town Auditors Account of 1793

Sundry Orders for support of Jn° Priest	£16-10-2	
D° for nursing D°	1-6-9½	
D° for Clothing do	8--	
D° for Doctoring do	18-6	
Sundry Orders for nursing Lucy Priest	7-3--	
D° for Doctoring do	1-10--	
D° for Clothing do	13-4	£28-9-9½
Sundry Orders for support of Reuben Seaman	6-9-1	
D° for nursing & medicines for D°	1-6-3	
D° for Clothing for do	14--	
D° for Doctoring D°	1-6--	
D° for funeral Charges of D°	14-6	10-9-10
Sundry Orders for support of Betty Brown	3-9-4	
D° for Clothing do	1-10-2	5-7-6
Sundry Orders for support of Jemima Osgood	7-7-4	
D° for Clothing do	12--	7-19-4
Sundry Orders for support of Henry Whitcomb	24-15-8	
D° for Doctoring do	10-17-2	35-12-10
Sundry Orders for relief of Jn° Manning family	21-16--	
D° for Doctoring do	32-10-10	54-6-10
Sundry Orders for relief & Clothing for Wm Depuchon		7-13-9½
Sundry Orders for relief of Mrs Dickinson		2-14-8
D° for support of Richard Pattin		11-14-7
D° for Clothing Rhoda Brown		1-14
An Order for relief of Silence Nichols		8--
D° for do Joseph Priest		2-9-7
D° for do Ruth Johnson		6-6
D° for do Ruth Kendall		3--
Sundry Orders to Overseers of the Poor for securing 4th Quarter Rates	10-16--	£182-7
Sundry Orders for supplying the Poor	64-2--	
D° for support of Lt Governours School	80-9-4	
D° for D° D° D°	100--	
D° for Repairing the Meeting House	35--	
D° for expences of Ordination	56-16-2	
D° for entertaining Town Officers & Committees	11-8-6½	
D° for building a Pound	10--	
An Order in favr for warning Town Meeting	1-4--	
D° in favr for warning Town Officers to settle Rates	6--	
D° for Paper & Books for the Town	6 2	
D° for cleansing the West Meeting House after Repairs	8--	
D° for Boards for taking care of the N. House	1--	
Sundry Orders for repairing Whites Bridge & Causeway	20-19-7	
D° for repairing Benetts Bridge	1-10--	353-10-2½
Carried over		£535-10-9½

Pendentials Pt. continued 1794.

Amount brought over. £335-10-7½

Sundry Orders for repairing Lititz Springhouse Bridge £0-15-6
An Order for repairing the N. Bridge in 1787 — 10 6
Sundry Orders for repairing Bridges Bridge — 1 7 9
Do. for Plank for small Bridges — 7 8
Do for procuring & stating Town Corner at the Courthouse 1 — —
An Order for a Abatement of Taxes over paid in 1791 — 1 1 3
Sundry Orders for a Abatem.t of Taxes in 1792 — 13 7
Do. for a Abatem.t of Taxes in 1793 — 5-5-8½
Do to Do Jurors for their service of year past — 12-12-7½
Do to Selectmen for extra services on Commit.tee Bu.ts 1-16 —
An Order for the N. E. Manheim Town Supervisors year past 82-12 —
Do for Abr.m Hengues Salary from his Admission to Feb.y 2.d 1794 — 34-7-6
Sundry Orders for Abutments &c on Bridge Committee Bu.ts 7-18 2
An Order to Sad. Gates for repairs of the Town in 1789 — 12 —
Do to Do for an L.k for sd Town — 1 6
Do to Lyman Spalding for measuring chestnut from Town Limestone to Lancast.r & Stattler Rec.ving houses — 14 —
Do to William Carter for Cash paid Mr. Wm Paine as Commiss.r for the Town in preservation of them in 1785 — 12 — £160-5-11½
£ 675-16-8½

William Stedman
Eli Slaymaker
John Carter
Selectmen of Lancaster.

Lancaster Feb.y 7. 1794

The Committee appointed to examine the Pendential Accounts of the Selectmen of Lancaster for the year 1793 have attended that Service, and find the foregoing Statement a just Compendium of their Books & Accounts — reflecting the Receipts of the Committee — which Books & Accounts, they find fairly kept, well vouched & rightly cast —

John Whitesides
Joseph Wales

D.r

Mr. Ebenezer Torrey, Town Treasurer in Account

1793.		
April 1 —	To balance in your hands on Settlement	£25-7-6
2	Cash p.d you by State Treasurer —	46-6-—
	Cash p.d you by D.o for sup.t of D. Pattin	16-17-6
June 28.	Cash on Sale of Pitch — 2 lots	1-16-9
Sept. 9	Cash paid by Thos. Hollis Esqr. in discharge of Monies advanced for him as Support —	4-13-11½
	Cash paid by Oliver Carter for Pew Ground	22-—-—
	Cash paid by Jo. Farnell, in discharge of balance of State Tax 1788 —	51-7-5
	Cash paid by Esqr. Carter on an Order against him, for Monies of Lottery & Interest	69-13-5
	Cash paid by Esqr. Carter, in pay for Pew Ground	6-6-5 £244-8-11½
	Cash on Sale of Pardons Demands Effects	4-15-4
	Cash on Daniel Storey's Pew Stock	1-15-1
	Cash paid by Henry Stinchfield for Lumber	12-—-—
	Cash p.d Jo. Wymans Receipts for Coll.n Rate, Bal.ce	22-12-—-—
Dec. 16 —	Cash — D.o — D.o — of this Date	24-—-—
1794.	Cash — Interest on funded Securities to this time	1-4-11
Jan.y 7 —		
14	Cash p.d E. Kingman Coll.r Taxes for 1793 p. Rec.pt	124-10-8
24	Cash p.d D.o — D.o — D.o —	108-6-—-—
Feb.y 28	Cash p.d D.o — D.o — D.o —	226-10-—-—
	Cash paid by Daniel Wheelton & Isaac Reed on discharge of their Petition for Pardons Demands Dwelg	1-16-5½ 516-2-5½
March 14	Cash p.d E. Wymans, Coll.r of this Day for Taxes of 1793 —	124-15-3½
	Order of Ebr Torrey in my favour on my Manager of Lancaster Lottery — on Bill.s for —	27-15-7½
April 7 —	Cash p.d by E. Kingman for Tax 1793 p. Rec.pt	23-8-2
	Cash p.d D.o — D.o — D.o — Int.t Mar. 20. 94	9-—-— £184-19-1
		£745-10-6
7 —	To Balance due, in new Account p. Credit in this, which includes the aforementioned Order in Treasurers favour on the Managers of Lancaster Lottery. — —	£414-15-7½

Current with the Selectmen of Lancaster

Cr.

1794	By Cash in hand as Per Town's Order	£2 11 4
Feb 17	Sundry Orders P. our Receipt	662 2 1½
Nov. 14	Do Do Do	149 8 8½
	Cash P. for 100 W. Goods Sermons	1 17 6
	Sundry Orders P. our Receipt	34 15 2

1795 Balance Carried to new Account 44 15 7½

£945 10 6

Errors excepted

William Stedman
Eli Stearns
John Carter

Selectmen of Lancaster for 1793.

This Account Audited by the Town Mar. 7. 1794.

Test Copy Attest Joseph Wade Town Clk.

Warrant for Town Meeting May 5th 1794.

(Seal) To Mr. Joseph Wheeler Town Clerk — Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote for a Representative and in Town Affairs, to assemble at the Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the fifth day of May next at two of the Clock P. M. for the following purposes — viz. — — — —

1 To choose a person to Represent them at the General Court, appointed to be held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next.

2. To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting for Town Affairs.

3. To consider of the expediency of building a work-house in Town for the accomodation of the poor and act any thing thereon. —

4. To consider of the propriety of abating Taxes in Constable Heymans Rate Bills; and of abating a part of Eleazer Rideouts taxes in the same Rate Bills & discharging Constable Heyman from the taxes of John Manning deceased or act any thing relating to any or either of the same taxes.

5. To approve & allow of a Town way leading from Dea. Ths. Carters dwelling house Thro' Land of the Late Govr. Hancocks partly and partly thro' Land of John Morgan and into the County Road by Taylors Mills laid out by the Selectmen at the request of a number of the Inhabitants. — Given under our hands and Seal this eighteenth day of April A.D. 1794.

Lancaster April 19. 1794. — (Cover memorandum)

Wm. Stedman
John Carter
Isac. Wheeler
Selectmen of Lancaster

To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster — — — — Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are warned to appear at the time & place & for the purposes of the foregoing Warrant. May. 5. 1794. I have warned the F. H. & Freeholders and other Inhabts of Lancaster to meet agreeably to the within Warrant by Posting the same in the Lines directed. Joseph Wheeler T. C.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lamaster held on Monday May 5. 1794. They proceeded as followeth — viz.

Proceedings of May 5th 1794.

1. Voted to choose a Person to represent this Town in the general Court, appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May Inst.

2. Chose, Hon.d John Sprague Esq.r for that purpose.

3. Chose Capt.n Samel Ward, Moderator for Town affairs.

4. Voted to dismiss the 3.d Article in the Warrant.

5. Voted that the remaining sum due, of Mr Cumies proportion of Taxes, in his Constable Wayrants Rate Bills be abated.

6. Voted that the part of Mr Eben.r Rydors Taxes which were assessed on the property he had in Mills in Lamaster — continued in Mr Constable Wayrants Rate Bills be abated.

7. Voted that Mr Constable Wyman be discharged from collecting or paying the Taxes of John Manning deceased — contained in his Rate Bills.

8. Voted to accept the Report of the Selectsmen which follows — viz. — Laid out in the Town of Lamaster a Town way as follows — viz — beginning at a heap of Stones by the County road near Doct.r Carters dwelling house and runs North 7¼ deg.s east 27 rods on the Doct.rs land and the same point 19 rods on Land late of Gov.r Hancocks to a Stake and Stones, thence north 59½ deg.s east 11 rods to a Stake and Stones — thence north 3¼ deg.s east 10 rods to a heap of Stones — thence North 51 deg.s east 20 rods to the County road by Saylors Mill — 56 Rods on Capt.n John Maynards land, and to be two rods wide — The expense of laying the same road to be paid by Doct.r Carter, and the Damages to be paid to Capt.n Jn.o Maynard are estimated at £1 10 0 — May 5. 1794. — John Carter } Selectmen Benj.a Warner } Lamaster.

Road near Ezekiel Carters

Provided no other person come forward to claim the same within ten days from the date hereof, and pay to the Town ten shillings.

9. Voted to dissolve this Meeting.

Samel Ward Moder.r

Attest Josiah Wilder Town Clk.

Warrant
Town Meeting
Aug. 13.
1794.

To Mr. Joseph Wade Town Clerk — Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify & warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to assemble at the Meeting-house in said Town on Wednesday the thirteenth day of August next at three o'clock P.M. for the following purposes — viz —

1. To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting —
2. To consider of the expediency of offering additional encouragement to the Soldiers required from this Town, as its proportion of the Detachment ordered from the Militia, to inform them voluntarily to inlist & stand in readiness for service; or act any thing thereon. —
3. To receive the report of the Committee appointed to examine Nath[l] Willards Town bills — and act anything thereon. —
4. To hear the order of the General Court on the petition of Samuel Thurston & act anything thereon.
5. To adopt some method to prevent disturbances by Dogs, at the Meeting-house on Sabbath days. —

Given under our hands & Seal this thirtieth day of July A.D. 1794.

Lancaster July 30. 1794

Will[m] Stephens
John Carter
Asa Warner
} Selectmen of Lancaster.

To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Greeting
In the Name of the Common-Wealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby warned to assemble at the time & place and for the purposes directed in the foregoing Warrant —

Joseph Wade Town Clerk.

August 13. 1794. I have warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Lancaster to assemble agreeably to the within to the within Warrant — by posting the same fourteen days at the Meeting-house

Joseph Wade Town Clerk.

At a meeting, legally warned & holden, of the Freeholders & Proceedings of Town Meeting Aug.t 13. 1794.
other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster
Aug.t 13. 1794. The Town proceeded as follows — viz —

1. Chose Wm Stedman Esq.r Moderator —

2. Voted that whenever the present Detachment of Militia shall be called into actual service for the term limited by act of Congress marching such Detachment, the Town will make the wages to each Man equal to forty shillings p.r Month, provided the pay allowed by the Government of the United States or any encouragement given by this Common-Wealth shall not be equal to that sum. —

3. Voted to accept the Report of the Committee, chosen at a former meeting to examine Nath.l Willard's Town-bills — which follow, viz —
The Committee appointed to consider and report on the Town-bills of Nathaniel Willard have attended that service & Report —

A Balance due on Town for 1789				£ — 14 — 10
D.o	— D.o	— D.o	— 1790 —	1 — 13 — 1
D.o	— D.o	— D.o	— 1791 —	5 — 2 — 8
				£ 7 — 10 — 7

Balance of Taxes due from the Estate of Levi Wilder, which have been exhibited to the Commissioners of about £ 23 —
A list of arrears on Sam.l Sedam's Town bills of thirty six pounds 16/4 — six shillings & 9.d only, collected — to be totally abated —

Lancaster May 5 — 94. — John Whiting, Eph.m Carter, Joseph Wales } Committee

4. Voted that the Taxes due on Nath.l Willard's bills be collected agreeable to Law —

5. Chose Mr. Benj.a Wyman Collector of said Taxes.

6. Chose the present Representative of Lancaster, Agent, to oppose the prayer of the Petition of Sam.l Swinton, agreeable to a citation from the General Court of this Common Wealth, for that purpose —

Proceedings Continued.

It being the indispensable duty of every Citizen to promote good Order & Decorum, in time of public Worship, on the Lords day, and there having been frequent disturbances in, and about the Meeting-house at those times — Voted That the Inhabitants be earnestly requested to confine their Dogs at home, in future, on Sundays, in Order to prevent like disturbances, and that the Town may not be under the disagreeable necessity of adopting some other method to remedy so great an inconvenience, and that one of the Deacons be requested to make this Vote known.

8. Voted to dissolve this Meeting

William Stedman Moderator.

attest Jo. Wilder Town Clk.

Warrant for Town Meeting Sept. 10. 1794

(Suff.) To Mr. Benjamin Kapicen - Constable - Greeting. In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify & Warn the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in the choice of Representative and in Town Affairs, to Assemble at the Meeting-house in said Town on Wednesday the tenth day of Septr. instant at 4 o'Clock P.M. for the following purposes viz.

1. To appoint a Grand-Juror & two petit Jurors according to Law, to serve in the Supreme Judicial Court to be held in Worcester within & for the County of Worcester, on the third Tuesday of Septr. instant.
2. To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting for Town Affairs.
3. To carry into & full effect the Resolutions of the Genl. Court made on the twenty-sixth day of June last for forming an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth so far as the same respects this Town.

Given under our hands & Seal this 4th day of Sept. A.D. 1794

William Stedman } Selectmen
John Carter } of
Asa Warner } Lancaster

Worcester ss. Lancaster Sept. 10. 1794 — Return of Jos. Wales Const.

Pursuant to the within request, I have warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Said Town to attend at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned — Benj.ⁿ Wyman Constable of Lancaster.

Proceedings of Town Meeting Sept. 10 1794

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, legally Assembled on Wednesday September 10. 1794. They proceeded as follows — viz —

1. Chose Wm. Stedman Esquire, a Moderator —
2. Voted that the consideration of the 3.d Article in the Warrant be suspended till the next Annual March Meeting —
3. Voted to adjourn this meeting to the Day of the next annual Town Meeting at 4 o'Clock P.M. then to meet at this place —

Wm. Stedman Moderator.

Attest Jos. Wales Town Clk.

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov.r 3. 1794.

(Seal) To Mr. Joseph Wales Town Clk — Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to warn the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote for Representative, and in Town affairs to assemble at the Meeting house in said Town on Monday the third day of November next at one Oclock P.M. for the following purposes viz.

1. To give in their votes for one Representative to the Congress of the United States for the fourth Western District —
2. To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting for Town Affairs.
3. To determine how the money raised for the support of the English Grammar School shall be appropriated to the several School Districts within the Town, or act any thing relating thereto.
4. To agree upon the manner of warning Town Meetings for the appointment of Grand Jurors — —

Continued
Nov. 3. 1794.

5. To hear the Petition of Jesse Cyrus Fairbanks, praying for an abatement in the sum of Money recovered against him & Nathaniel Willard by the Town Treasurer, and act any thing thereon. —

6. To order the laying out a Town Road leading from the end of the road by Moses Sawyers, and running on the northerly & westerly side of Sandy-Pond, a straight course into the County Road leading from John Bellows to Amos Sawyers Mills, if it should be thought expedient, or act any thing relating thereto. — —

7. To consider of the expediency of allowing and paying to the Captains of the two Companies in this Town, the Bounties they have paid to their Soldiers to induce them to inlist for the service of the detachment of Militia ordered by Congress; and act any thing thereon.

8. To abate to Moses Jones, such part of the Taxes assessed upon his Estate for the year 1793, as the Town should think reasonable, or act any thing relating thereto. —

9. To consider of the propriety of abating to Constable Wayman the Taxes of Col. John Hosmer, now due, Cushing Otis & Levi Willders Taxes in his rate bills for the year 1792. of abating to him the Taxes of Wm Lovekins, Widow Silence Nichols, Nathaniel Willard, Luther Farnsworth, and the Taxes assessed upon the Estate of Jno Cannon, in his rate bills for the year 1793 or act any thing relating thereto.

10. To adopt some method for preventing the hanging of Hats on the Gallary-Pillows in the Meeting-house on publick Days, or act any thing relating thereto. —

11. To consider of the propriety of Appropriating Seats in the Meeting-house Galleries for the Black people, on publick days or act any thing relating thereto. —

Given under our hands & Seal this fourteenth day of October - A. D. 1794

William Stevens } Selectmen
John Carter }
Asa Warner } Lancaster

To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, —— Greeting. —

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby warned to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes directed in the foregoing Warrant. Lancaster Oct. 19. 1794. — Joseph Wilder Town Clerk

Worcester ss. In obedience to the within warrant, I have warned the same at the Meeting-house in Lancaster agreeable to Law — —— Joseph Wilder Town Clerk.
Nov. 3. 1794.

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lanesborough legally assembled on Monday the 3d day of Novr A.D. 1794, were passed, the following votes viz.

Proceedings of Town Meeting Novr 3. 1794

1. The votes counted, sorted & declared for one Representative to the Congress of the United States, to represent the Southern District were — for Levi Lincoln Esqr 38.
Dwight Porter Esqr 13.

2. Chose Timothy Whiting Junr Esqr Moderator.

3. Voted that the Money raised at a former Meeting for the support of the English Grammr Schools in Town, be apportioned to the several School-Squadrons, in the same manner as the preceding year. — — — — —

4. Voted, that whenever the Constable shall receive a Venire for the choice of Jurors, he shall forthwith, print up a Warrant at the Meetg-house, notifying the Inhabitants to assemble at the Meetg-house for that purpose —

Town meetg for the choice of Jury-men regulated & now called.

5. Voted that the 5. Article in the Warrant viz- relative to Dr Eggs Swinburnes Petition be dismissed. — — — — —

6. Voted that the consideration of the 6. Article in the Warrant be referred to a committee of three, to report at the next Meeting. — —

7. Chose Messrs Wm Seaman
Ebenr Torrey
John Whiting } Committee.

8. Voted that the Town Treasurer be directed to pay Capt James Lane Junr Esq & Capt Ithiel Bragg fifteen Dollars, in discharge of three sums, paid by them, to sundry of their Companies, to induce them voluntarily to enlist for the service of the Militia required by Congress; but if those Gentlemen who advanced some of the Money to s. Captains for that purpose, should not choose to receive it back — then Capts Lane & Bragg are held to refund so much, as may remain in their hands, to the Treasurer.

Proceedings of Continued. Nov. 3. 1794.

Voted that the decision of the 8th Article in the Warrant be referred to the Selectmen.

10. Voted that the 9th Article in the Warrant be referred to the Selectmen, to report at next Meeting.

11. Voted that those persons who annually make use of the Pillows in the Meeting House to hang their Hats on be requested to find some other place for them.

12. Voted that the Selectmen be requested to open a passage way in front of the Pews on the side Galleries & to assign Seats there for the People of Colour.

13. Voted to dissolve this Meeting.

Test Cobey, attest. Timothy Whiting Jun. Moderator.

Joseph Wales Town Clerk.

Recombutation of Harvard Line 1794

Oct. 23. 1794. We the Subscribers have this day Recombutated the Line between Lancaster & Harvard - being the River and established a corner on Bolton Line by erecting a Stone on each side of the River the center of s^d River being corner & renewed the Bounds at Shirley Line corner -

Saml Rolfe } Selectmen of
Silas Holman } Harvard.

Joseph Carter Selectmen of Lancaster
Benj^a Wyman by appointment.

Test Cobey -

attest Jo. Wales T. Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting Meet. 2. 1794

(Seal) To Mr Joseph Wales Town Clk - Greeting

In the Name of the Common-Wealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote for Representatives and in Town Affairs, to assemble at the Meeting house in said Town on Monday the second day of March next at twelve o'Clock at noon, for the following purposes - vizt

1 To chuse a Moderator to govern s^d Meeting. -

2. To choose Town Officers for the ensuing year. —
3. To grant monies to defray the expenses of the Town the ensuing year, and to direct the assessment thereof. —
4. To give in their votes for a County Treasurer. —
5. To choose a Committee to provide a Latin Grammar School Master for the ensuing year. —
6. To appoint a Committee to carry into effect the regulations adopted by the Town for an uniform method of instruction in the several Schools, or to alter, amend or annihilate them, as they shall find necessary for rendering uniform the method of instruction in the several Schools and as in their opinion shall be most promotive of the important purposes of education. — — — — — —
7. To approve & allow of a Town way laid out by the Selectmen.
8. To appoint a Committee to ascertain the quantity & bounds of a certain parcel or parcels of land the property of the Town, situate on the Old Common, and to authorize such Committee to bargain & sell the same by Deed or deeds duly executed (in behalf of the Town) for the most money the same will be sold for, or act in any thing thereon. —
9. To consider of the expediency of defining the limits of the School districts anew — of building School houses in such districts as have none — of reimbursing to the several School districts the monies they or any individuals thereof have expended in building School houses within such districts — of procuring fire wood for the several Schools — and generally, to take up the subject of schooling at Large and act any thing thereon. — — —

Given under our hands and Seal this sixteenth day of Feb. A.D. 1795. —

Wm. Stedman } Selectmen
John Carter } of
Asa Warner } Lancaster.

Lancaster Feb. 16. 1795.

To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster — Greeting — In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts — you are Warned to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes in the foregoing Warrant mentioned. — Fail not, and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time of your meeting. Given under our hands and Seal this sixteenth day of February A.D. 1795. —

Jonathan Hagley Constable.

Memb. Warrant & Constables Return 1795.

Proceedings
2d March Meetg
1795

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally assembled on Monday the 2d day of March A.D. 1795

They proceeded as follows viz—

1. Chose Capt. Samuel Ward Moderator

2. Voted to choose a committee of three to examine the prudential accounts of the Selectmen for the preceding year, to report at the adjournment of this meeting

3. Chose Messrs Timothy Whiting jun
Benj[a] Houghton
& Stearns
} Committee

4. Voted— to accept the report of the Assessors being a committee to whom the consideration of the ninth article in the warrant for the last town meeting was referred— viz—

The subscribers, a committee to whom was referred the ninth article of the warrant for the last Town Meeting, have duly considered the same, and are of opinion, that the taxes against Levi Wheeler and Cushing Otis in Constable Wyman's Rate list for the year 1792 be abated. That the taxes against Wid[o] Silence Nichols, Luther Knowlton and John Sawyer in the said Constables Rate lists for the year 1793 be also abated. That the said Constable be allowed to receive William Larkins Note upon Interest payable to the Treasurer of the Town or to his Successor in said office for the use of the town for said Larkins Taxes in the rate lists committed to him for the year 1793. And that the Town do for the present suspend calling upon said Constable for the Taxes against Nathaniel Willard and Joseph Carrol in his rate lists for the year 1793. The said Constable having (as he saith) taken security for the Taxes against Col[o] Edmund Heard in his rate lists for the year 1792 Your committee are therefore of the opinion that he is accountable therefor; all which is respectfully submitted—

Lancaster Feb[y] 23. 1795

Sam[l] Ward
Timothy Whiting jun
} Com[ee]

5. Chose William Stedman Town Clerk—

6. Chose, Mr Ebenezer Torrey Town Treasurer

7. Chose Messrs Asa Warner
Oliver Carter &
Moriah Rice
} Selectmen

8. Chose Messrs Ephraim Carter
Paul Willard &
Jonas Lane
} Assessors

9. Chose Messrs Thomas Ballard, William Bridges, John Robbins, Paul Willard, Nath[l] Whittemore, John Thurston — Oliver Carter, Titus Wilder, Robert Phelps, Benj[a] Brigham, Joseph Carter — Survey-ors of Highways

Proceedings of March Meet 1795 - cont[d]

10. Chose. Messrs William Willard & Luther Sawyers Field Drivers —

11. Chose. Mess[r] Salmon Willard & Daniel Goss, Fence viewers

12. Chose, Samuel Wilder & Abijah White, Surveyors of Lumber Staves &

13. Chose, Daniel Goss, & Henry Haskell Surveyors of Clapboards & Shingles —

14. Chose, Moses Sawyer, Deer Reeve —

15. Chose, Daniel Goss & Elisha Rugg, Tythingmen —

16. Chose, Joseph Carter, Sealer of Leather —

17. Chose, Gates Thurston & Joseph Farnell, Hogreeves —

18. Chose, Capt. John Maynard, Pound keeper,

19. Chose - Mess[r] John Sprague, William Stedman, Merrick Rice & Eben[r] Torrey, Fish reeves —

20 The votes handed in for a County Treasurer, being counted, Samuel Allen of Worcester had 176 —

21. Chose Samuel Ward, John Maynard & Oliver Carter, Committee for hiring a S. Grammar School Master —

22. Chose. Rev[d] Nathaniel Thayer, John Sprague esq, William Stedman, Tim[o] Whiting, junr esq[r], Capt. Samuel Ward, Israel Atherton esq[r] & Merrick Rice, a committee on the 6th Article in the warrant for this meeting —

23. Voted, To approve & allow of a town way laid out by the Selectmen, provided the town shall never be at any expense in making or repairing it — [5] See record of Roads page 57 —

24. Voted, to dismiss the eighth article —

25 Voted, to choose a committee consisting of one member from each School district to take into consideration the ninth article & report thereon at the adjournment of this meeting —

26. Chose - Deac: Benj[a] Houghton, James Fowler, Moses Sawyer, Eli Stearns, Henry Haskell, Silas Thurston, Ephraim Carter, John Whiting, Stephen Wilder, John Robbins Daniel Rugg & Aaron Lyon, for said Committee —

27 Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April next at 3 Clock P.M. then to meet at this place —

March Meeting adjourned to April 6. 1795.

Sam[l] Ward Moderator

Attest Wm Stedman Town Clerk

Adjournment from Sept. 10 1794 held Mar: 2. 1795

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster held on Monday the second day of March A D 1795 at 4 Clock P.M. by adjournment from September 10th 1794 —

Voted — to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in April next at 4 Clock P. M —

Wm Stedman Moderator

Attest Wm Stedman Town Clerk

Lancaster March 2. 1795. Personally appeared Mess.rs Asa Warner, Oliver Carter, Merrick Rice, William Willard, Luther Sawyer, Salmon Willard, Daniel Goss Samuel Wilder, Henry Hashell, Moses Sawyer, Elisha Rugg Joseph Carter, Giles Thurston, Joseph Farwell, John Maynard, Ephraim Carter, Jonas Lane, Paul Willard, Thomas Bailard, William Bridge, John Robbins, Paul Willard, Nathaniel Whitemore, Jon Thurston, Titus Wilder Benaijah Bingham — and between the above date & March 10th, Ebenezer Torrey, Robert Phelps, and were severally sworn to the Faithful performance of the duties of the respective offices to which they were severally elected for the year ensuing by —

Wm Stedman Town Clerk

Lancaster & Bolton lines run & 22d Oct. 1794.

We the Subscribers agreeable to appointment have on the 21st and 22d days of October 1794 perambulated, run the lines, and renewed the bounds between the Towns of Lancaster and Bolton viz. Began at a heap of stones a corner of the District of Berlin (near Jonah Coolidges House) and ran North 18 degrees & 45m East, thirteen hundred & fifty five rods to a stake and stones a corner said Bolton and renewed the following antient bounds on said line; a pine tree near the road leading from said Coolidges to Lancaster, a heap of stones on the northerly side of the road near Oliver Carters, a pine tree near the bank on the westerly side of Nashawa river, and a pine on a plain between the last mentioned pine & river; and from the last mentioned corner ran South 58 degrees & 45m East one hundred & forty seven rods to Nashawa River and set a long stone in the ground near said River and erected a heap of stones by a white oak tree on the top of a hill between the last mentioned corner and the bound by the river last mentioned — Nathan.l Longley jun.r } Selectmen Abraham Holman } Bolton —

A true copy Attest

Wm Stedman Town Clerk —

John Carter } Selectmen
Asa Warner } of Lancaster

Account of expenditures of the Town of Lancaster from March 3d 1794 to March 2d 1795.

Sundry orders for support of L. Grammar School	£43 3 1	
Do for do English do	100 — —	
Sundry orders repairing Bennetts Bridge	7 9 10½	
Do for do Spragues Bridge	16 8 9	
Do for do Nash Bridge	27 10 5	
Do for plank &c for small bridges	4 5 10	
Do for repairing White Bridge & causeway	1 14 —	
An order for labour at Bridges in 1790	1 10 —	
Do for repairing Spragues Hay Bridge in 1787	1 4 —	
Sundry orders for sweeping & lighting Town Meeting house	1 2 1	
Do for balances due on Bridges contracted	1 10 —	204 7 0½
Sundry orders in discharge of contract with Porter Carter for support of Poor	62 12 —	
Do for relief of Sarah Brown	7 12 6	
Do for support of Reuben Patten	18 3 —	
Do for clothing Do	3 4	
Sundry orders for support of Jn° Priest & Wife prior to Apr: 7. 1794	2 10 —	
An order for support of Jemima Osgood prior to Do	14 2	
Do for clothing do	16 6	
An order for support of Betty Brown prior to Apr: 7. 1794	6 8	
Do for clothing do	15 2	
An order for support of Mary Wheelock prior to Apr: 7. 1794	5 1 7½	
Do for clothing Do	1 2 8	
Sundry orders for relief of Wm° Depistron	5 11 4	
Sundry orders for relief of Moses Dickerson	3 7 6	
An order for relief of Jn° Mannings family in 1793	8 —	109 4 5½
Sundry orders for abatement of taxes for 1793	16 14 8	
Do for do for 1794	1 — 9⅔	
An order for the repair of Leaf Promiton road	3 12 —	
Sundry orders for perambulating town lines	4 10 —	
Sundry orders in favr of bounty to Soldiers as per vote of the Town	8 14 —	
An order in favr for warning town Meeting	1 4 —	
Sundry orders for Mary Wheelocks funeral charge	13 —	36 8 5⅔
Sundry orders for entertaining Town Officers	5 10 3	
An order for entertaining Inspectors	2 16 11	
Sundry orders for paper for the town	3 6	
An order for glass for L. G. School house	1 6	
Sundry orders for Revd Mr Harringtons Salary for August	89 10 —	
Do for Revd Mr Thayers Salary for one year ending March 1st 1795	90 — —	
An order for relief of Dorothy Wyman	2 3	
An order for relief of Wm° Depistrons family	4 6	
Sundry orders for relief of Jos Priest	1 10 —	190 13 11
Carried over	£	540 18 10⅔

Sum brot over	£540.18.10¾
An order for relief of Jotham Woods	3.11.3
Sundry orders for materials repairing & weighting meeting house doors	1.4.2
An order in favr for building a necessary at L. G. School house	3.—.—
Sundry orders for relief of Mercy Manning	8.15.4
An order for relief of Ruth Johnson	.7.—
Sundry orders to two of the Assessors for their services the year past	5.15.6
Sundry orders to Overseers of Poor for their services the year past	8.2.—
An order for boarding & nursing Mercy Manning child	.14.3
An order for relief of Nathan.l Kendal	3.—.—
Sundry additional orders for repairing Meetinghs	.12.—
Sundry orders for cloathg for Jonatha Osgood	.8.3
An order for doctg Mercy Murdock in 1793	1.10.—
An additional order for cloathg Polly Brown	.6.5
An order for cloathg for Jo.s Priest	1.—
An additional order for relief Dorothy Wyman	.18.2
	38.9.9
	£ 579.8.7¾

Lancaster May. 2. 1795

Errors Excepted

Wm Sleeman
John Carter
Asa Warner
} Seletmen of Lancaster

The Subscribers, a Committee, appointed to examine the Prudential Accounts of the Town of Lancaster for the year A.D. 1794. The foregoing statement being exhibited by the Seletmen for said year, we have examined the same and find it to be a true compendium of the accounts therein contained which is accurately stated, from their books and which are fairly kept and properly vouched.

Lancaster April 3d 1795

Timothy Whiting jun
Benj.a Houghton
Eli Stearns

Warrant for April Meeting 1795

Jud. X

To William Stedman Esqr Town Clerk, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the sixth day of April next at one of the clock in the afternoon for the following purposes, viz,

1. To give in their votes for Governor Lieutenant Governor, Councellors & Senators for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a Moderator to govern the meeting for Town affairs.
3. To hear the report of a Committee to whose consideration the sixth article in the warrant for Town meeting on the third day of November last was referred & act any thing thereon.
4. To choose a Committee to ascertain the bounds and quantity of any parcel or parcels of land within the limits of said town that is the property of the inhabitants thereof, and to authorize such committee to bargain & sell the same by Deed or Deeds duly executed in behalf of said town, or act any thing thereon.

Given under our hands & seals this twenty third day of March A.D. 1795

Asa Warner, Oliver Carter, Merrick Rice } Selectmen of Lancaster

To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster — — — — — — Greeting —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby warned to assemble at the time & place, and for the purposes mentioned in the above warrant —

Wm Stedman Town Clerk

April 6. 1795. I have warned the Freeholders & other Inhabitants qualified as within mentioned to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes within directed, by posting this warrant as the Law directs

Wm Stedman Town Clerk

Proceedings of April Meeting 1795

At a meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in the choice of Governor Lieutenant Governor & and in town affairs duly warned & held on Monday the 20th day of April A.D. 1795 — They proceeded as follows, viz.

The votes for Governor, Lieut: Governor, Councellors & Senators given in, counted, sorted & declared were as follows, viz. —

Governor.

Samuel Adams	65.
Moses Gill	1.
Elbridge Gerry	1.
Thomas Russell	1.
Samuel Dexter esqr	3

Lieut: Governor

His Honor Moses Gill	56.
John Sprague esq	2.

Councellors & Senators

Samuel Baker	52	Benj[a] Read	20
Josiah Stearns	48	John Whiting	16
John Sprague	33	Artemas Ward	6
Benj[a] Heywood	21	Levi Lincoln	2
Salem Town	35	Elijah Brigham	1
Daniel Bigelow	26	Phny Merrick	1 —

Chose Samuel Ward Moderator, in Town affairs —

Voted, to approve and allow of a town way laid out by the Selectmen for the year 1791, from Moses Sawyers by the west side of sandy pond to the County road that leads from John Dollisons to Baron Sawyers mills as p[r] survey made by Benjamin Wyman Oct[r] 29. 1791 upon this condition that Mr Moses Sawyer shall be recompensed for the land of his thro' which said road runs, by the usual allowance & if he cannot find common land for such recompence he shall have nothing therefor —

☞ See the record of Roads page 58 —

Voted to choose a committee of three to ascertain the quantity & bounds of any parcel or parcels of land the property of the town who shall report a Statement of facts relating thereto as soon as may be —

Chose, Deac: Benjamin Houghton Ebe Stearns & Moses Sawyer said committee —

Voted, to add two more to the above committee —

Chose, Capt. Thomas Gates & Deac: Cyrus Fairbank —

Voted to dissolve this meeting —

Sam[l] Ward Moderator

Attest

Wm Stedman Town Clerk

Adjournment of March meet.g 1795 — Proceedings

At a meeting of the freeholders &c of the Town of Lancaster held on Monday the sixth day of April A.D. 1795 at 3 o'Clock P.M. by adjournment from March 2d. 1795 being the annual March meeting —
They proceeded as follows viz —

Voted, To accept the report of the Committee appointed to examine the prudential accounts —
☞ See report at the bottom of said accounts —

Voted To choose one more Surveyor for the neck —
Chose, Mr. Robert Townshend said Surveyor —
Chose, Mr. Benjamin Wyman Constable —

Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen on the ninth article in the warrant for this meeting.
Report follows —

Report of Committee on Schooling

The Committee appointed at the annual March meeting to consider the subject of schooling, School houses &c have maturely considered the subject and do report their opinion, that the Districts being so numerous, many of them are too small, and the alterations hereafter mentioned ought to take place viz.

The three Districts in the north part of the town, be formed into two; one of which, shall consist of the Inhabitants living east and upon the road leading from the house occupied by Nath.l Kendall by Col.o Wm Hells to Shirley line, viz.a Messrs William Campbell, Jon.a Barnett & Ebenezer Pratt now living on the west.

The remainder to form one District and Mr Asa Warner to be added —

The two Districts in the southeast part of the town to form one District —

The neck & old Common Districts to compose two Districts in the following manner, viz. The Inhabitants living South of a line drawn north of Captains Maynard & Capt. White's with the old common form one. The remainder of the neck with the Inhabitants living South of a line drawn north of Messrs Samuel Bullard's & Simon Willard's form one District; and the proportion of money drawn by the two foregoing districts be equally divided —

That Messrs Moses Wilder and John Wilder be added to the Southwestern District —

That the several Districts be known by numbers as follows viz.

The School house near Mr Thomas Sawtell's		No 1.
do	in the northwestern District	No 2.
do	near Mr Jeremiah Ballard's	No 3.
do	Mr Saml Wilder's	No 4.
do	do the corner by Capt. Wm Wells's	No 5.
do	do Deacon Joseph Wales's	No 6.
do	do Mr Amos Sawyer's	No 7.
do	South of Prescott's Mills	No 8.
do	near Mr Edward Sullivan's	No 9. —

Proceedings of March meet 1795

Voted that one hundred and thirty pounds be appropriated to support the English Grammar School, including fuel; and that the same be averaged upon the several districts according to the number of scholars from four to twenty one years of age.

Voted that seventy pounds be appropriated to support the Latin Grammar School the current year; and that it be kept stationary in the School Houses built for that purpose.

Voted that the people called Shakers receive their proportion, arising from the farms they now occupy, of school money to be schooled by themselves.

Voted that school houses be built by the town.

Voted that a committee be appointed to form plans and estimate the expence of the several school houses, and report at a future meeting; the members of the present committee to give in to such committee the number of subjects of schooling on or before the twentieth inst.

Voted the Committee further report that the Latin Grammar School be suspended in the center school house two months in a year, viz. from the 20 Dec. to the 20 February and the proportion of expence which would arise from the two months of such schooling be averaged upon those five small est. and most distant districts.

Lancaster April 6. 1795.

Benj. Houghton	Stephen Wilder
Henry Harshell	James Fuller
Aaron Lyon	Ephraim Carter
Moses Sawyer	Eli Stearns
Daniel Rugg	John Hopkins
	Silas Thurston
	John Whiting

Chose a committee to report plans and estimate the expence of the several school houses — viz.

Capt John Maynard	Oliver Carter
Jonas Fairbank	Deac. Benj. Houghton
Jon. Whitney	

Voted, to raise One hundred & twenty pounds for repairing high ways to be worked out at the same rate as at last year.

Voted, to raise Five hundred & twenty five pounds for the expences of the town the current year.

Voted to reconsider the vote of this meeting accepting & altering a town way laid out, by the Selectmen from Shirley line by Aaron Lyons.

Voted that the way laid out by the Selectmen from Shirley line by Aaron Lyons be accepted as a town way, the town giving up the old road & accepting the new one in lieu thereof, & not being at any expence for laying out & making.

Voted, to appropriate One hundred & thirty, pounds for the suppport of the English Grammar School the current year, excluding fuel — and Seventy pounds for the support of the Latin Grammar School —

Voted, to appropriate One hundred & eighty pounds for the payment of the Revd Messrs. Harrington's & Thayer's Salaries the current year —

Voted, to adjourn this meeting to Wednesday the sixth day of May next at 4 o'Clock P.M. —

March meet. adjourned to May 6th

Samel Ward Moderator

Attr. Wm Stedman Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally assembled held on Monday the sixth day of April A.D. 1795 — being the first monday in said month by adjournment (originally) from Sept 30. 1794 —

Plan of the Town to be taken —

Voted. On the third article in the warrant for said meeting to choose a committee of three to take or procure an accurate plann of the town, as required by the resolutions of the General Court made the twenty sixth day of June last —

Chose, Genl John Whiting, Isac: Bery & Nought & Majr Jonath. Rice, said Committee —

Voted. to dissolve this meeting —

Wm Stedman Moderator

Attr Wm Stedman Town Clerk

April 13. 1795. Mr Benjamin Hyman personally appeared & took the oath required by law, as a constable of the town of Lancaster for the ensuing year, before Wm Stedman Town Clerk

Dr. — Mr Ebenezer Torrey Town Treasurer

1794 April 7.	To balance in the Treasury on settlement of accounts for 1793	£ 44 15 7½
Aug: 16	To cash rec'd of Benj'a Hyman Collector for 1793 as per rec't on file	17 19 1½
Oct'r 6.	To cash rec'd of Selectmen viz 4/6 balance on Richard Wilcox's note for Benderne Beaman's Window & 9/9 in full of Tho's Wright & Jon'a Carter's jun'r bridge tax for 1789	0 14 3
Nov'r 24.	To cash rec'd of Benj'a Hyman Collector for 1793 in part of Mr Thayer's collection as p'r rec't on file	50 0 0
1795 Jan'y 1	To cash arising from int't of funded securities to this time	1 4 11
Nov'r 18.	To cash rec'd of Benj'a Hyman Coll'r for 1793 as per rec't on file	50 0 0
	To cash rec'd of Selectmen for James White's bridge tax for 1787	0 2 7
	To cash rec'd for rent of Mrs Dickerson's place 1793.	1 16 6
	To cash rec'd of Benj'a Hyman Coll'r for 1794 as per rec't on file	252 19 2½
27.	To d'o rec'd of [illegible] 3d [illegible] d° [illegible] d° [illegible]	42 14 11¾
Apr: 3.	To d'o rec'd of [illegible] d° [illegible] d° [illegible] d°	124 0 0
	To d'o rec'd of [illegible] d° [illegible] Coll'r for 1792 in full of 1792 taxes as per rec't on file	19 8 ¾
	To cash rec'd of State Treas'r support Widd's Patten	1 18 11
	To cash rec'd of Doct'r Ja's Carter in pay for a pew ground	23 8 0
	£	646 17 2

Eben'r Torrey Town Treasurer

At the adjournment of March meeting viz Apr: 6. 1795. The above account being read to the town, they voted to accept the same — Attest

Wm Stedman Town Clerk

in account with the Town of Lancaster

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1794				
Aug: 19	By cash paid the referees in the case ag^{t} Willard & Fairbank	£	2	3 5
	By cash paid for recording mortgage deed from Dea: Fairbank			3 8
1795				
Feby 20	By cash paid Wm Stedman for costs of suit J. Torrey treas^{r} vs Nathl Willard & Dea: Fairbank & for arguing the case before Referees &c		7	4 9
Apr: 3.	By sundry orders & Notes of hand due from the town as per Selectmen's rect		571	4 1½
	By sundry orders in pay for pew ground as per Selectmen's rect		23	8 —
	By sundry orders to be added to the last mentioned sum & included in same rect		6	5 4½
			610	9 4
	Balance in the Treasury including an order drawn by Selectmen on the Managers of Lancaster Lottery to be carried to new account		36	7 10
		£	646	17 2

Errors Excepted pr

Wm Stedman } Selectmen
Asa Warner } of
John Carter } Lancaster
for 1794

Warrant for May Meeting 1795 Seal

To William Stedman Esq. Town Clerk Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster respectively qualified according to the constitution to vote for a representative, and in Town affairs, to meet at the meeting house in said Lancaster on Wednesday the sixth day of May next at one of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles, viz.

1. To choose a Representative to represent them at the General Court appointed to be held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next.
2. To collect their sentiments on the necessity or expediency of revising the Constitution, in order to amendment agreeably to the provision therein made.
3. To choose a Moderator to govern their meeting for town affairs.
4. To see if the Town will give any directions to their Treasurer respecting the collection of the debts due them from Deacon Cyprus Fairbank and the managers of Lancaster Lottery.
5. To see if the Town will permit Joseph Rogers & Mary Conquest to appropriate that part of the money which they are assessed towards supporting the Squadron School to which they belong in that manner which they may think best.
6. To see if the Town will suspend the collection of Jonathan Willards & Walter Pollards Taxes for the year 1794.

Merrick Rice
Oliver Carter
Asa Warner
} Selectmen of Lancaster

(no date)

To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster - - - - - - - - - Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby notified & warned to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes mentioned in the above warrant.

Lancaster April 21. 1795. Wm Stedman Town Clerk.

Lancaster May 6. 1795. I have notified & warned the freeholders & other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified as within mentioned, to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes within directed by posting this warrant as the Law directs —

Wm Stedman Town Clerk

Proceedings of May Meeting 1795

At a meeting of the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster held agreeably to the foregoing warrant on Wednesday the sixth day of May A D 1795 They proceeded as follows viz —

Voted, To choose a person to represent the Town in the General Court appointed to be held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May current —

Chose. Hon: John Sprague esqr for that purpose —

Voted, That the mode for collecting the sentiments of the Town on the necessity or expediency of revising the Constitution, in order to amendments agreeably to the provision therein made, be by taking the yeas & nays — which being called for There were for the revision 61 — against it 25 —

Chose — Capt. Samuel Ward Moderator —

Voted. That the Treasurer be directed to discharge the execution in his favour against Nathaniel Willard and Deac. Cyrus Fairbank provided the said Fairbank shall within four months from this time pay to the said Treasurer Seventy four pounds eleven shillings & two pence 1/2 and shall within nine months from this time pay the further sum of Seventy four pounds eleven shillings & two pence 1/2 together with the interest on the whole sum to the last time —

Voted, To direct the Treasurer to call upon the managers of Lancaster Lottery for the balance of monies in their hands —

Voted To dismiss the 5th article —

Voted To dismiss the 6th article —

Voted To dissolve this meeting — Sam[l] Ward Moderator

March meeting Attest Wm Stedman, Town Clerk

March meeting being thereby dissolved by adjournment —

Voted to dissolve the same Sam[l] Ward Moderator

Attest Wm Stedman Town Clerk —

March meeting dissolved —

Seal

Warrant for Town Meet^{g} Octr 19. 1795

To William Stedman Esquire Town Clerk Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn the freeholders & other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Meeting house in said Town on Monday the nineteenth day of October next at three of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles.—

1. To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2. To see if the Town will raise the monies necessary to defray the expence of rebuilding the bridge near to Mr Paul Whiting's, & also for defraying the expence of erecting the guide posts in town as by law directed—

3. To see if the town will accept the report of their committee appointed for the purpose of projecting the plans for the several school houses in town and for estimating the expense necessary for building them, or act any thing thereon—

Lancaster Septr 26. 1795— Merick Rice, Oliver Carter } Selectmen of Lancaster

To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster — — — — — — — — — Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby notified & warned to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes mentioned in the above warrant—

Lancaster Septr 26. 1795— Wm Stedman Town Clerk—

Lancaster Octr 19. 1795 I have notified & warned the freeholders & other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified as within mentioned to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes within directed by posting this Warrant as the Law directs—

Wm Stedman Town Clerk—

Proceedings Oct^br 19. 1795

At a meeting of the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster held agreeably to the warrant for that purpose on Monday the nineteenth day of October A.D. 1795 — They proceeded as follows. viz —

Voted & chose Deacon Joseph Wales Moderator

Voted. To adjourn this meeting to the twenty third day of Nov^br next at 1 o'clock P.M. then to meet at this place —

Joseph Wales Moderator. —

Attest Wm Stedman, Town Cler —

Adjournment Nov^br 23. 1795

At a meeting of the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster held agreeably to the above adjournment on Monday the twenty third day of November AD 1795 — They proceeded as follows — viz, —

Voted, to raise five hundred dollars to defray the expence of rebuilding the bridge near Mr Paul Whiting's —

Voted, to raise thirty five dollars to defray the expence of erecting guide posts in town —

Voted, that the above mentioned sums be raised by a tax, & assessed upon the inhabitants according to law —

Voted, To defer the consideration of the report of the committee estimating the expence of school houses &c to March meeting next —

Voted, to dissolve this meeting —

Joseph Wales Moderator

Attest Wm Stedman, Town Cler.

L.S.

Warrant for March meeting 1796

To William Stedman Esquire, Town Clerk, Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote for a Representative in Town affairs to assemble at the Meeting house in said Town on the first Monday of March next at twelve o'clock at noon, for the following purposes, viz.

1. To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting —
2. To choose Town Officers for the ensuing year.
3. To grant monies to defray the expences of the Town for the ensuing year & to direct the appropriation thereof.
4. To give in their votes for a County Treasurer —
5. To choose a committee to provide a Latin Grammar Schoolmaster the year ensuing —
6. To see if the Town will appoint an agent or agents to appear at the Court of General Sessions of the peace next to be held at Worcester in the County of Worcester to answer to an indictment found against them for not keeping in repair the Causeway near Wheles Bridge
7. To see what the Town will do touching the support of the widow Fowle, who is now supported by the inhabitants of Andover —
8. To consider the propriety of raising money to defray the funeral expences of the late Rev.d Timothy Harrington, and other incidental charges, or act any thing thereon —
9. To see if the Town will direct their Treasurer to pay William Longley his account against the Inhabitants thereof for the support of the widow Harris or act any thing thereon —
10. To see if the Town will raise a Committee to report a new System for the repairs of their public roads. *
11. To see if the Town will abate the Taxes set against the names of the several persons named in the annexed schedule *,

* See the originals on file —

Lancaster February 22.d 1796 —

Asa Warner
Oliver Carter
Merrick Rice
} Selectmen of Lancaster

To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster —

— — — — — — — — — — Greeting —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby warned to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrant —

Lancaster Feb.y 22.d 1796 —

Wm.m Stedman Town Clerk —

March 7th 1796. I have warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified as within mentioned to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned by posting this warrant as the Law directs —

Wm Stedman Town Clerk —

Proceedings of March meeting 1796 —

At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster legally assembled on Monday the 7th day of March A.D. 1796 —

They proceeded as follows viz —

1. Chose Capt. Samuel Ward Moderator
2. Voted, to choose a committee of three to examine the prudential accounts of the Selectmen for the preceding year, to report at the adjournment of this meeting —
3. Chose, Capt. Samuel Ward, Mr Moses Sawyer & Jno Whiting junr committee for said committee —
4. Chose, William Stedman Town Clerk —
5. Chose, Ebenezer Tracy Town Treasurer —
6. Chose, Oliver Carter, Merrick Rice, & Asa Warner, Selectmen —
   Mr Warner intending to move out of town is excused from serving as Selectman —
7. Chose, Capt. John Thurston a Selectman in the room of Mr Warner —
8. Chose, Ephraim Carter, Jonas Lane, Paul Willard } Assessors
9. Chose, Surveyors of Highways:
   Thomas Ballard — Jno Whiting junr
   William Stedman — Josiah Goodridge
   Joseph Nichols — Daniel Goss junr
   Abijah White — Moses Sawyer
   Wm Locke — Ephraim Carter
   Davd Reyes — Eli Stearns
10. Chose, Wm Willard, Luther Sawyer, Richard Haven, Moses Jones, Field drivers
11. Chose, Salmon Willard & Jonas Fairbank, Fence viewers
12. Chose, Samuel Wilder & Abijah White Surveyors of Staves &c
13. Chose, Moses Sawyer, Deer reeve —
14. Chose, Daniel Goss & Elisha Rugg, Tythingmen,
15. Chose, Joseph Carter, Sealer of Leather,
16. Chose, Salmon Willard & John Dollison, Hog reeves —
17. Chose, John Maynard, Pound Keeper —
18. Chose, Daniel Goss, & Henry Haskell surveyors of Clapboards & Shingles
19. Chose, Gen. John Whiting, Deacon Joseph Wales, Eli Stearns, committee for hiring a Grammer School master —

Chose Mr Moses Sawyer, Mr Daniel Goss, Mr Merrick Rice, Mr Josiah Goodridge, Mr Jno Whiting junr, Mr Wm Stedman, Selectmen's warrants —

Proceedings of March meet.g 1796. cont.d

20. Chose, Revd Nathaniel Thayer, Ebenr Torrey, Jno. Whiting, Jno. Sprague, Wm Stedman, Samuel Ward, Israel Thurston, Joseph Wales, Jonas Lane, committee for visiting Schools —

21. Chose, John Sprague esqr agent for the Town of Lancaster; in their behalf to appear at the Court of General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Worcester to answer to an indictment found against them for not keeping in repair the causeway near White's Bridge, & to defend against the same —

22. Chose, John Sprague, William Stedman & Merrick Rice Esqrs a committee to investigate the circumstances relative to Mrs Fowle & report thereon —

23. Chose, Capt. Samuel Ward, Genl Jno. Whiting & Eli Stearns, a committee to enquire the amount of Mr Warrington's funeral expences &c & report thereon at the adjournment of this meeting —

24 Voted, That the Selectmen be authorized to settle the account with William Longley for the support of the widow Harris, by reference or otherwise, at their discretion —

25. — The votes for a County Treasurer being counted Samuel Allen of Worcester had 170. —

26. Voted, and chose a committee to devise & report a method of repairing the public roads viz John Sprague, Joseph Farwell, Samuel Ward John Whiting, Eli Stearns, Ebenr Torrey, Dea.t James Carter, John Maynard, Deac.n Cyprus Fairbank, William Bowles & Moses Sawyer — to report as soon as may be) —

Taxes abated —

Voted, To abate Nathaniel Eaton's taxes for 1793 & 1794 —

Voted, To abate Elias Hart & David Hart's taxes —

Voted, To abate James Elder jun.r's taxes —

Voted, To abate Joseph Atherton's tax —

Voted, To adjourn this meeting to the first monday in April next at 4 o'Clock P.M.

Sam.l Ward Moderator

Attest

Wm Stedman Town Clerk

Lancaster March 14. 1796. Personally appeared (between the seventh day of the same month & the date hereof) Ebenezer Torrey, Ephraim Carter, Jonas Jones, Paul Willard, Thomas Ballard, Joseph Nichols, Elijah White, Daniel Hayes, Timothy Whiting junr, Josiah Cobleigh, Daniel Gates junior, Moses Sawyer, Eli Stearns, Samuel Wheeler, Daniel Gates, Henry Haskell, Jonas Fairbank, Elisha Prigg, Joseph Carter, John Dickinson, William Willard, Luther Sawyer, Richard Haven, Nons Jones, John Sprague, Merrick Rice — and were severally sworn to the faithful performance of the duties of the respective offices to which they were severally elected for the year ensuing, according to Law.

Town officers sworn 1796

May 9. 1796. Solomon Willard personally appeared & was sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the office to which he was elected the year ensuing before me

Before

Wm H. Sherman Town Clk

Wm Sherman, Town Clk.

Account of expenditures of the Town of Lancaster from March 2d 1795 to March 7. 1796 —

Sundry orders for the support of Jn° Priest & wife				D. 188.	Q. 3/3
d°	for	d°	Jonathan Osgood	24.	7. —
d°	for	d°	Moses Dickerson	40.	88. —
d°	for	d°	Wm Dupeterron	26.	6. —
An order for support of Dorothy Wyman prior to March 2d 1795				2.	47. —
Sundry orders for support of Richard Patten				45.	58. —
d°	for	d°	widow Mary Manning	63.	47.
d°	for	d°	Sally Manning	28.	60.
An order for support of Stephen Brown prior to March 2. 1795				13.	69.
Sundry orders for support of		d°		4.	8.
d°	for	d°	Jotham Wood	10.	19.
d°	for	d°	Sukey Manning	15.	67. —
d°	for	d°	Betty Brown	12.	7. —
d°	for	d°	Joseph Priest	15.	50. —
d°	for	d°	Reuben Fletcher	7.	65. —
d°	for	d°	wid. Martha Wheelock	37.	2. —
					535. 9. 3/3
Sundry orders for Abatements of Taxes				40.	13. —
d° for collecting taxes prior to March 2. 1795				216.	23.
d° for entertaining town officers				46.	63.
Sundry orders to the Selectmen for warning the poor				37.	—
d° to the Assessors taking an invoice & assessing taxes for 1795				37.	—
Sundry orders for support of Latin Grammar School				245.	34. —
					602. 33.
					137. 42. 3/3

Prudentials for 1795

Sum brot overs — — — — — — £. 1197. 42. 3/4

Sundry orders for support of English Grammar School — 433. 33. —

An order for repairing pulley blocks — — — 2. —.

Sundry orders for building Bridge near Paul Whitings — — — — — — 502. 99. —

Sundry orders for repairing meek bridge prior to Mar: 2. 1795 — — 1. 33. —

Sundry orders for repairing the Bridge near Mr Sprague's — — 21. 67. —

An order for repairing West Atherton's bridge — — — — — — 1. 50.

do for do Whitis bridge — 1. — —

Sundry orders for old bridge tax prior to March 2. 1795 — — — 5. — —

do for plank &c for small bridges — 15. 55. —

Sundry orders for erecting guide posts 35. — —

An order for expences at Worcester on Petitions Symmes account — 2. 50. —

An order for the priviledge of town road from Taylor's mill to West Carter 5. — — — 102h. 77. —

Sundry orders for support of the Gospel Ministry — — — — — — — 600. — —

Sundry orders for surveying & taking a plan of the Town — — — 72. — 1/3

Sundry orders given & exchanged for old orders due from the Town prior to Mar: 2. 1795 — — — — 363. 8. —

An order for slit work for the meeting house prior to Mar: 2 1795 — — — — — 50. —

An order for sweeping & taking care of the meeting house in part for 1795 — 2. — —

An order for recording Jotham Woods deeds 1. — — — 1038. 58 1/3

£ 3202. 78. —

Lancaster March 7. 1796.

Merrick Rice, Asa Warner, Oliver Carter } Selectmen of Lancaster —

Lancaster March 21. 1796. The Committee appointed to examine the Prudential accounts of the Selectmen of the town of Lancaster for the year 1795 have attended that service and find the foregoing statement a just compendium of their books and accounts, which books & accounts we find fairly kept well vouched and rightly cast —

Sam[l] Ward
Moses Sawyer —

Warrant
April meet
1796

To William Stedman Esqr. Town Clerk. Greeting.

Seal

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify & warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote for a Governor Lieutenant Governor Counsellors & Senators & in Town affairs to meet at the Meeting house in said Town on the first Monday of April next at two of the Clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles viz.

1. To give in their votes for a Governor Lieut. Governor Counsellors & Senators for the year ensuing.

2. To choose a Moderator to govern the meeting for town affairs.

3. To see if the Town will accept the report of their committee appointed for the purpose of projecting the plans for the several school Houses in Town & estimating the expenses necessary for building them or act any thing thereon.

4. To see if the Town will direct their Selectmen to draw orders in favour of their Collector of Taxes to the amount of the Taxes set against the names of Nath.l Willard & Joseph Carrol Esqrs. on his rate List for the year A.D. 1793 or act any thing thereon.

Given under our hands & seal this 28th day of March A.D. 1796.

Merrick Rice
Oliver Carter
John Thurston
} Selectmen of Lancaster

To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster. Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby notified & warned to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes mentioned in the above warrant.

Wm. Stedman Town Clerk.

Lancaster March 28th 1796.

Worcester ss Lancaster April 4. 1796. I have warned the Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified as within mentioned to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes within directed by posting this warrant according to Law.

Wm. Stedman Town Clerk.

April Meet'g 1796 Proceedings

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Governor Lieut. Governor Senators & in town affairs, legally assembled on the 4th day of April A.D. 1796 being the first Monday in said month —

Votes for the following persons being given in counted sorted & declared are, viz. —

For Governor		For Lieut. Governor	
Samuel Adams	27.	Moses Gill	84 —
Increase Sumner	71.	Increase Sumner	3 —

Senators & Councellors.

Salem Town	51.	Benj^a Reed	23.
Josiah Stearns	53.	Bezaleel Taft —	13.
Daniel Bigelow	53.	Benj^a Heywood	9.
Jon^a Warner	23.	Levi Lincoln	7.
John Sprague	25.	Elijah Brigham	7.

Whose Capt. Samuel Ward Moderator —

Voted Not to accept the report of the Committee for estimating the expence of building School-houses &c —

Voted. To dissolve this meeting —

Saml Ward Moderator
Attest Wm Stedman Town Clerk —

Adjournment of March meet'g 1796 Proceedings.

At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster held on Monday the 4th day of April A.D. 1796 by adjournment from the 7th day of March last, being the annual March meeting —

They proceeded as follows — viz. —

Voted To accept the report of the Committee on the account of expenditures for the year 1795 — see the report at the bottom of the account —

Money matters —

Voted. To raise three thousand & four hundred dollars to defray the expences of the Town the current year —

Voted. To raise four hundred dollars for repairing high ways, to be worked out at the same rates as the last year —

Voted To appropriate four hundred & twenty five dollars for the payment of Rev. Mr Thayer's Salary from Decr 8. 1795 to March 1. 1797 —

Voted — To accept the report of the committee appointed to examine the account of the funeral expenses of our late Revd Pastor Tim^o Harrington dec^d — & the same on file —

Proceedings of March meetg 1796 - continued

Voted To appropriate One hundred & four dollars & fifty six cents for the payment of the funeral expences of our late Revd. Pastor Timo Harrington deceased, & other incidental charges —

Voted To appropriate two hundred & twenty five dollars for support of the Lat. Grammar School the ensuing year.

Voted To appropriate five hundred dollars for support of the English Grammar Schools the year ensuing —

Voted — by ballot & chose Benjamin Wyman Constable for the year ensuing —

Voted To excuse Capt. John Maynard from serving as Pound Keeper the ensuing year at his request —

Chose Israel Sawyer Pound Keeper

Voted To dissolve this meeting —

Samd Ward Moderator —

Attr.

Wm Stedman Town Clr. —

Lancaster April 11. 1796 Mr Benjamin Wyman personally appeared & took the oath required by law, as a Constable of the Town of Lancaster the year ensuing.

Before

Wm Stedman Town Clerr. —

Dr. Mr Ebenezer Torrey Treasurer in account

1795 April 3.	To balance in the Treasury		£36 7 10
Dec 15.	To cash rec'd on a note due to the Town from Wm Phelps		3 7 1
	To cash rec'd from the Commonwealth for the support of Richard Patten		23 8 —
	To cash rec'd on Cyprus Fourbank exon		150 — —
	To interest arising on funded securities to Jany 1. 1796		1 4 11
1796 Jany 2.	To two p'r p'r principal on the above		8 5
Jn 07. 11.	To cash rec'd of Benj'a Hyman Collector for 1793 as p'r rec'd on file		30 3 6
	To d° of d° for 1795 as p'r rec'd on file		34 8 8¾
	To d° of d° for 1793 as p'r rec'd on file		6 — —
	To d° of d° for 1793 as p'r rec'd on file		19 6 4
	To d° of d° for 1793 as p'r rec'd on file		23 4 5
	To d° of d° for 1794 as p'r rec'd on file		46 — —
	To d° of d° for 1793 as p'r rec'd on file		11 3 9
	To d° of d° for 1794 as p'r rec'd on file		83 — 5
			£ 468 3 4¾

At the adjournment of March meeting viz April 4. 1796. The above account being read to the Town they voted to accept the same — Attest

Wm Stedman Town Clerk

with the Town of Lancaster — — — — &c.

1795 Sept. 26	By Paid Nath[l] Sharpe's rec[t] for interest	£ 6	—
1796 Jany 11.	By do		
	By do for do	6	—
	By do for cash indorsed on a note due to him from the town Oct 9. 1794	20	—
	By an order drawn on the Managers of Lancaster Lottery returned which was charged to the Treasurer	27	15 8
Feb[y] 27.	By sundry orders as p[r] Selectmens receipt	407	9 ½
	By balance carried to new account		10 8 ¼
		£ 468	3 4 ¾

Errors Excepted

Lancaster Feb[y] 27. 1796

Asa Warner } Selectmen
Oliver Easter } of Lancaster

Warrant for May meeting 1796

To William Stedman Esq. Town Clerk Greeting —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Town affairs and for a representative, to meet at the meeting house in Lancaster on Monday the ninth day of May next at two of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles —

1. To choose a representative to represent them in the General Court of this Commonwealth the year ensuing —

2. To choose a Moderator to govern the meeting for Town affairs —

3. To see if the Town will reconsider the vote passed at a former meeting for suspending the collection of the Taxes of Nathaniel Willard and Joseph Carroll —

4. To see on what conditions the town will enable their Collector of Taxes to make a settlement with the Treasurer for those Taxes for the years 1793 & 1794 which he cannot at present collect & act any thing thereon —

5. To see if the town will appoint a committee to devise ways & means for supplying their Treasury with money & act any thing touching their finances —

Given under our hands & seals this twenty second day of April A.D. 1796 —

Oliver Lyster } Selectmen
Merrick Rice } of Lancaster

To the Inhabitants of Lancaster qualified as above mentioned — — — — — Greeting.

I hereby notify & warn you to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes mentioned in the above warrant Lancaster April 25. 1796 — Wm Stedman Town Clerk

Lancaster May 9. 1796. I have notified & warned the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified as within mentioned to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes directed in this warrant by posting it as the same according to law —

Wm Stedman Town Clerk

Proceedings of May meeting 1796

At a meeting of the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for a representative in town affairs legally assembled on the ninth day of May A D 1796 —

The whole number of votes handed in for a representative being counted were 55 — when sorted were as follows viz for Hon: John Sprague Esq 50
Capt. Ephraim Carter — 4
Capt. John Maynard 1 —

Declaration was then made of the choice of Hon John Sprague esq for a Representative —

Chose Hon John Sprague esq Moderator —

Voted to pass over the third article —

Voted to dismiss the fourth article —

Voted to reconsider the last vote —

Voted to suspend the consideration of the 4th article for the present —

Voted on the 5th article, That the Selectmen be and they are hereby directed to give the town's security on behalf of the Revd Nath Mr Thayer, or borrow money sufficient to discharge what the town now owe him for his settlement; and the assessors are also hereby directed to assess all grants now made by the town & deliver their rate lists to the Constable, who is also directed to proceed in the collection of the same as soon as may be & pay the same into the treasury; for discharging the debt due from the town to Mr Thayer as aforesaid, or for discharging the debt occasioned by borrowing money as aforesaid —

Voted to dismiss the 6th article —

Voted to dissolve this meeting —

John Sprague Moderator

Attest

Wm Fledman, Town Clerk —

Seal.

Warrant for Town meeting Aug: 27. 1796.

To Mr Benjamin Wyman Constable, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify & warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in said town on Saturday the 27th instant at 4 o'Clock P.M. for the following purposes, viz.—

1. To choose a Moderator to govern the meeting.

2. To take into consideration the subject of the prosecution now pending against the town for not repairing the causeway near Whites's Bridge; or act any thing relating to the said prosecution or to the subject matter thereof—

3. To appoint an agent or agents to oppose the acceptance of the report of a Committee appointed at the last Court of Sessions for laying out a County road thro' the South part of Lancaster or act any thing relating to the same road—

Given under our hands & Seal at Lancaster this 24th day of August AD. 1796—

River Carter } Selectmen
John Thurston } of Lancaster—

Worcester ss. Pursuant to the within warrant I have warned the freeholders & other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster to appear at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned—

Benj[a] Wyman Constable

Lancaster Aug: 27. 1796—

Proceedings on the above Warrant—

At a meeting of the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster legally assembled on Saturday the 27th August A.D. 1796. at 4 o'Clock P.M.—

1 Chose Capt Samuel Ward Moderator—

2 Voted, That the Selectmen be & they are hereby directed to cause the road leading from Col. Henry Haskells to Whites' Bridge to be put into legal repair forthwith.

Voted, To choose three agents to oppose the acceptance of the report of the committee, to be made at the next Court

of Sessions for laying out a County road thro' the South part of this town. —

Voted & chose John Sprague & William Stedman on the Committee

Voted, to dissolve this meeting. —

Sam[l] Ward Moderator —

Attest — Wm Stedman, Town Clerk. —

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov[r] 7. 1796

To Benjamin Wyman Constable of the Town of Lancaster - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Greeting —

You are hereby authorized to notify & warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster duely qualified to vote for Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth & in town affairs to assemble at the meeting House in Lancaster on Monday the seventh day of November next at two of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles -

1st To give in their votes to the Selectmen for one Elector of President and Vice President, not being a Senator or Representative in the Congress of the United States or person holding any Office of trust or profit under said United States -

2d To give in their votes for Representative to represent them in the Congress of the United States for two Years —

3d To choose a Moderator to govern the meeting in town affairs —

4th To see if the Town will raise the money necessary to defray the expenses which have arisen in repairing the Causeway near White's Bridge

5th To see if the town will petition the General Court to afford them some relief touching their Bridges or act any thing thereon —

6th To see if the Town will procure materials to repair the neck bridge or act any thing thereon —

Given under our hands & seals at Lancaster Octr 25. 1796

Merrick Rice } Selectmen
John Thurston } of
Oliver Carter } Lancaster.

Pursuant to the above warrant I hereby notify and warn the Freeholders & Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes above mentioned.

Benj.a Wyman Constable—

Worcester ss. Lancaster Nov.r 7. 1796. Pursuant to the within warrant I have warned the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned by posting the same as the law directs—

Benj.a Wyman Constable—

At a meeting of the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster legally assembled on Monday the seventh day of November A.D. 1796 at 2 Clock P.M.

Voted that John Maynard be Clerk for said meeting—

Votes given in for Electors of President & Vice President

Joseph Allen Esq.r had 36.
His Hon.r Moses Gill — — — " 1.—

Votes given in for a representative to the Congress of the United States—

Dwight Foster esq.r had 38.
Levi Lincoln esq.r " 5.

Town affairs. viz.

Voted & chose Merrick Rice esq.r Moderator—,

Voted to accept the account exhibited by the Selectmen for repairing Whites Bridge — (Account) D.r 47. 45. cents

Voted. that a Committee of three be chosen to collect the necessary evidence to shew the annual expenses of town in support of bridges & causeways; & that the representative petition the General Court in behalf of said Town for aid in support thereof; at such time as the representative Selectmen & committee may judge most suitable — Chose

Capt. Ephraim Carter
Capt. John Maynard
Capt. Saml Ward
} Committee—

Voted that the Selectmen with Mr Torrey be authorized to put & keep the neck Bridge in legal repair for the term of one year — Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Merrick Rice Moderator
John Maynard Town Clerk P. T.

Entered by
Wm Sherman Town Clerk—

Warrant for March meet. 1797

To William Stedman Esq. Town Clerk. Greeting. —

In the name of Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify & warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in Lancaster on Monday the sixth day of March next at one of the Clock in the afternoon — to act on the following articles —

Article 1st. To choose a Moderator to govern the meeting —

2. To choose Town officers for the ensuing year —

3. To see if the Town will remove the 2d and from the Town house, if not, what shall be done with the same —

4th. To see if the Town will raise a sum of money sufficient to pay the necessary expenses of a singing school for the instruction of all persons who may wish to avail themselves under the care of a good instructor & to act any thing relating thereto —

5th. To see if the Town will raise the monies necessary to defray the expenses of the ensuing year, & act any thing concerning the same —

6th. To see if the Town will direct the appropriation of the monies raised up on the foregoing article —

Given under our hands & seal this twentieth day of February A.D. 1797 —

Merrick Rice, Oliver Carter, John Thurston } Selectmen of Lancaster

To the Inhabitants & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified as above mentioned — Greeting —

You are hereby notified & warned to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrant —

Wm Stedman Town Clerk —

Lancaster Feby. 20. 1797 —

Worcester ss. Lancaster March 6th 1797 —

In pursuance of the within I have notified the Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified as within mentioned to assemble at the time and place & for the purposes within directed by posting this warrant according to law —

Wm Stedman Town Clerk —

Proceedings of March meetg. 1797

At a meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally assembled on Monday March 6th 1797. at one Clock P.M. —

Voted, & chose John Whiting Moderator —

The meeting being then adjourned to the Latin Grammar School house, proceeded as follows —

The Selectmen's account of expenditures for the past year being read —

Voted to commit the same to a Committee of three to examine and report thereon at the adjournment of this meeting — Chose Timothy Whiting jun[r] / Moses Sawyer / Daniel Stearns } Committee —

Voted & chose William Stedman Town Clerk —

Voted & chose John Maynard Town Treasurer —

Voted & chose Merrick Rice / Oliver Carter / John Thurston } Selectmen —

Voted & chose Ephraim Carter / Jonas Lane / Paul Willard } Assessors —

Voted & chose John Maynard / Jacob Fisher / William Robbins / John White jun[r] / Samuel Damon / Luther Sawyer } Surveyors of Highways. { Richard Haven / Robert Wilson / Manasseh Wilder / Samuel Wilder / Eli Stearns / Moses Sawyer

Voted & chose — Jonathan White, Edward Goodwin, Richard Haven & Paul Whiting. Field-viewers —

Voted & chose, Solomon Willard & Jonas Fairbank Fence Viewers —

Voted & chose Samuel Wilder & Abijah White Surveyors of Staves, Hoops &c —

Voted & chose, Moses Sawyer Deer reeve.

" Chose, Daniel Goss & Elisha Rugg, Ty Mingmen

" Chose, Joseph Carter Sealer of Leather,

" Chose, Elias Haskel & Luther Sawyer Hog reeves.

Voted that the choice of a Pound keeper be suspended for the present —

Voted & chose Daniel Goss & Henry Haskel surveyors of Clapboards & Shingles.

Voted & chose, Eli Stearns, William Stedman & Timothy Whiting jun[r], a committee for hiring a Latin Grammar Schoolmaster —

Voted that a committee be chosen to visit the schools & to consist of eleven 6.

Chose, Rev.d Nathaniel Thayer, Israel Atherton — March 1797.
Joseph Wales, Eli Stearns
Timothy Whiting jun.r, Jn.o Whiting
John Sprague, Jn.o Thornton
Ebenezer Torrey, Samuel Wood,
Wm.m Stedman
said visiting Committee —

Voted by ballot & chose John Sprague
Ebenr.r Torrey
Henrick Rice
Wm.m Stedman — } Fish wardens

On the 3.d article, Voted, That there be a committee of three, to fix upon some suitable place to remove the town Pound to, & that the same be directed to remove it accordingly —

Chose. Eli Stearns,
Benj.a Boughton
Elias Haskel } said committee —

On the 4.th article Voted, That a committee of five be chosen to take into consideration this article & report thereon at the adjournment of this meeting —

Chose. Daniel Rugg
Ephraim Carter
John Sprague
John Whiting
Eli Stearns — } said Committee —

Voted, That this meeting be adjourned to the first monday in April next at 1 Clock P.M. then to assemble at the meeting house — March meeting adjourned to Apr. 3.d 1797 —

John Whiting Moderator —

Attest — Wm.m Stedman Town Clerk

Lancaster March 6.th 1797. Personally appeared John Maynard Ephraim Carter, Jonas Lane, Paul Willard, Jacob Fisher, Jotham Robbins Jn.o White jun.r, Samuel Dennon, Luther Sawyer, Richard Mason, Robert Hudson, Samuel Wilder, Eli Stearns, Moses Sawyer, Daniel Gott, John Sprague, Ebenezer Torrey, Merrick Rice, Abijah White Salmon Willard, Jonas Fairbank, Elisha Rugg, Joseph Carter Elias Haskel, Jonathan White, Edward Goodwin, Paul Whiting, and were severally sworn to the faithful performance of the duties of the respective offices to which they were severally elected for the year ensuing, according to Law — Before Wm.m Stedman Town Clerk — Town Officers Sworn —

April 3. 1797. Mason Puth Willard was sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the office of Surveyor of highways — before Wm.m Stedman Town Clerk.

Seal

Warrant for April Meeting 1797

To Wm Stedman Esqr Town Clerk, Greeting —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote for representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth and in Town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in Lancaster on the first Monday of April next at two of the Clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles. —

1st. To give in their votes for Governour. Lieut. Governour Councellors and Senators for the ensuing year —

2. To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting in town affairs —

3. To see if the town will erect Grave Stones at the Grave of the late Revd. Timothy Harrington and raise a sum of money sufficient therefor, or act any thing relating thereto.

4th. To see if the Town will change the place of keeping the Latin Grammar School this year, four months viz. from the first of July untill the first day of September next following and from the first day of January next untill the first day of March following or act any thing relating thereto —

5th. To hear the report of their Committee upon high ways

6th. To see if the Town will order the sale of the Land they hold by Deed from one Bostman for Taxes; lying in the north part of the Town or act any thing relating thereto —

7th. To see if the Town will abate the Taxes set against the names of the several persons named hereafter (viz) Ignatius Fuller, Walter Pollard, Jonathan Willard and William Longley borne on Benjamin Wyman's Tax bill or act any thing relating thereto —

Given under our hands and seal this twentieth day of March Anno Dominii one thousand seven hundred & ninety seven —

Merrick Rice
Oliver Carter
} Select men of Lancaster

To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified as above mentioned — Greeting —

You are hereby notified & warned to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrant.

Lancaster March 20th 1797

Wm Stedman Town Clerk

Proceedings of April meeting 1797

Lancaster April 3. 1797. I have notified & warned the freeholders & other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified as within mentioned to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes within directed by posting up this warrant according to law—

Wm. Bidman Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Governour Lieut. Governour, Councellors & Senators, & in Town affairs legally assembled on the 3d day of April A.D. 1797 being the first monday in said month at 2 o'Clock P.M.—

Votes for the following persons being given in, counted sorted & declared are viz—

For Governour		For Lieut: Governour	
Increase Sumner	66.	Moses Gill	77.
James Sullivan.	21.	James Sullivan	2.
Samuel Adams.	1.	James Brodoin	1.

Senators & Councellors

Daniel Bigelow	65	Bezaliel Taft	4.
Salem Town	67.	Artemas How	1
John Sprague	62.	Josiah Stearns	4
Benjamin Reed.	63.	Thomas Hale	1
Levi Lincoln	64.		

Voted & chose John Whiting, Moderator—

On the 3 article, Voted that a committee be appointed to erect suitable grave stones in memory of the late Rev. Timothy Harrington dec. with such inscriptions thereon as shall be proper for the subject — and report the expence thereof to the town.

Chose, Rev. Nathaniel Thayer, John Sprague & John Whiting, said Committee —

Voted, That the consideration of the 4th article be submitted to a committee consisting of one member from each school district, to report thereon at May meeting next.

Chose, John Sprague, Ephraim Carter, Benjamin Houghton, John Thurston, Moses Sawyer, Stephen Wilder, Oliver Carter, James Goodwin, Paul Willard, Henry Haskell said Committee —

Voted to adjourn this meeting half an hour —

The hour to which March meeting was adjourned being arrived — the Town proceeded on the business there of as follows —

March meeting adjourned. Proceedings Thereon

The report of the committee for visiting the schools being read, [illegible]

Proceedings March meet.g 1797 —

Voted, That the visiting committee be directed to furnish the Schoolmasters in the several districts with the regulations adopted by the town for rendering uniform the method of instruction; that the hiring committees of the several school districts be requested to ~~the~~ meet the visiting committee at the time of their visitation; and that the visiting committee be directed to report at the annual meeting in March or April yearly the State of the Schools —

Voted to accept the report of the Committee appointed to examine the account of expenditures for the year 1796 — see report at the bottom of the account —

Salmon Willard Fence viewer having removed from town — Voted & chose Jacob Fisher Fence viewer in his stead

Voted to accept the report of the committee to whose consideration the 4th article in the warrant was referred (respecting singing) — The report follows — viz —

The Committee to whom was referred the article relative to singing beg leave to report, That it will be expedient for the encouragement and promotion of knowledge in that part of religious worship, a sum be granted and assessed with the minister's Tax of seven ~~hundred~~ five dollars for the support of a singing school to be expended and applied by a committee appointed for that purpose —

Lancaster April 3. 1797. Jon.a Rider
Daniel Rugg —

Voted & chose, John Whiting, Daniel Rugg, Jonathan Wilder, Elisha Rugg & John Thurston, a Committee agreeable to the above report. —

Voted to raise four hundred Dollars to be laid out in repairs of Highways — to be worked out at Menon the same rates as at the last year —

An account of the expenditures of the Town of Lancaster from March 7. 1796 to March 6th 1797

Sundry orders for the support of Jn° Priest & Wife		£ 133.60
d° " for " d° of Wm Depuyster	27.51	
d° " for " d° of Sally Manning	16.30	
d° " for " d° of Isham Woods	27.47	
d° " for " d° of Sukey Manning	20.1	
d° " for " d° of Jos. Priest Senr	25.67	
d° " for " d° of Moses Dickerson	13.61	
d° " for " d° of wid Martha Whitcomb	58.38	
d° " for " d° of wid Mercy Manning	56.71	
d° " for " d° of Joseph Bigsby	37.39	
d° " for " d° of Riley Brown	17.23	
New order for the support of Reuben Fletcher prior to March 7th 1796	1.50	
d° for support of wid Priscilla Towle	3.	
d° " d° " of Richard Potter	3.9	
d° " d° " of Widow Nichols	12.50	
d° " d° " of Nathaniel Kendall	11.25	
d° for doctoring the Poor prior to March 7. 1796	1.75	£ 5.46.97.
Sundry orders for Abatement of Taxes	25 30	
d° " to defray the expences of the late Revd Timothy Harrington's Funeral	49.94	
New order for taking an Invoice & Appraising Taxes for 1796	12. –	
Sundry orders for services rendered the Town respecting the road from Berlin to Sudbury	11.53.	98.77
d° d° for entertaining Town Officers since March 7. 1796.	28.57.	
d° d° entertaining Town Officers prior to March 7. 1796.	16.34.	
Sundry orders for Exercising the Poor	45, –	
New order for warning Town meeting	3, –	
Sundry orders for support of Latin & School	271.74	
d° " d° " d° of English & Schools	500. –	
New order for blank books furnished the Town	2.84	869. 49 –
Sundry orders for labour done at the Causeway near Wilds Bridge	17.33	
d° d° for support of neck Bridge	4.67	
d° d° for d° of Bridge near Wm Sprague's	19.79	
d° d° for d° Sawyers Bridge prior to March 7. 1796.	.75	
Sundry orders for support of small bridges	6.20.	
d° d° for support of the Gospel Ministry	125, –	
New order for recording births & deaths	1.44	505.14
New order for writing & recording Wm Jarkins Deed	1.50	
d° for balance of acct prior to 1796	5. –	
Sundry orders for sweeping & taking care of the meeting house	6.11	12.61
		£ 2033.2 –

Merrick Rice
Oliver Carter
John Thurston
} Selectmen of Lancaster

1797–

March meet.g adjourned to May 1st monday

Your Committee appointed to examine the prudential accounts of the Town kept by the Selectmen the year past have attended the business and report that said accounts appear to be carefully and regularly kept and accurately stated to the Town in the foregoing account. And your Committee are of the opinion that the Gentlemen Selectmen have merited the thanks & approbation of the Town, all which is respectfully submitted –

Lancaster April 3d 1797 –

Timothy Whiting junr
Moses Sawyer
Daniel Stearns
} Committee –

Voted to adjourn the March meeting to the first monday in May next at 4 Clock P.M. to meet at this place –

John Whiting Moderator –

Attest Wm Stedman Town Clerk –

April meet.g proceed.g finished

The business of April Meting being resumed –

Voted to pass over the consideration of the 5th article there being no report thereon –

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized & directed to dispose of the land mentioned in the 6th article to the best advantage for the town –

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to draw an order in favour of Benjamin Bryant for the amount of the taxes set against the names of those persons named in the 7th article –

Voted to dispolve this meeting –

John Whiting Moderator.

Attest Wm Stedman Town Clerk –

To William Stedman Esqr Town Clerk — Greeting —

Seal

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for a Representative to the Genl Court of this Commonwealth and in Town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in Lancaster on Monday the first day of May next at three of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles vizt —

Warrant for May meeting 1797 —

1st. To choose a Representative for the year ensuing. . .

2^d. To choose a Moderator to govern the meeting in town affairs. —

3^d. To receive the report of their school committee —

Given under our hands & seal this seventeenth day of April A.D. seventeen hundred & ninety seven —

River Carter
Merrick Rice
John Thurston
} Selectmen of Lancaster.

To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified as above mentioned — Greeting —

You are hereby notified & warned to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrant —

April 17. 1797 — Wm Stedman Town Clerk

Lancaster May 1st 1797. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the freeholders & other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes within directed by posting this warrant according to law —

Wm Stedman Town Clerk —

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Proceedings of May meeting 1797 —

At a meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote for a representative & in town affairs legally assembled at the meeting house in Lancaster on Monday the first day of May A.D. 1797 3 o'Clock P.M.

The whole number of votes handed in to the Selectmen for a representative being counted were 63. when sorted were as follows vizt for John Sprague 56
John Whiting 5
John Mayhard 1
William Stedman 1
} Declaration was then made by the Selectmen of the choice of John Sprague for a representation —

Proceedings May meeting 1797. continued.

Voted, & chose John Sprague esqr Moderator of the meeting for Town affairs —

The report of the School committee referred to in the 3d article in the warrant for this meeting being read, the town voted to consider it article by article, which was according done; & after the said report had undergone some alterations & amendments, each article thereof was then voted to be accepted and the said report so amended is as follows viz —

Short of School com.te

The committe to whom the consideration of the fourth article in the warrant for April meeting was committed do thereon report.

1. That (in their opinion) the School law intends that each town shall provide itself with one or with several masters to keep their respective proportions of schooling, at such places times & seasons as may best suit their circumstances & interest, and that the whole amount of the time which each master keeps is the equivalent which the law mentions and accepts in lieu of a school kept by one master the time required, and that either of those modes is an entire fulfilment of the law. And on this construction there they further report —

2. That the Latin & Greek Grammar School be kept the current year by several masters in several places viz six months in the Grammar School house by a master provided by the hiring committee; two months in the Neck District, two months in George Hill District, & two months in Walnut swamp District, different in time from the said six months, by masters provided by the respective districts & paid out of the school money they severally draw —

3. That a portion of the School money be appropriated to defray the expence of the aforesaid 6 months schooling and the extra expence if any there be in keeping the other 6 months in the said districts after compensating those districts for any Latin & Greek scholars that shall be sent and taught there, if circumstances shall render such compensations reasonable —

4. The said Masters in the said districts shall receive only Latin & Greek scholars from without their districts. —

5. That the deductions heretofore made from the three districts of the Neck, George Hill & the old common shall be abated in proportion to the time that the Latin & Greek Grammar School shall be kept in the Grammar School house —

The committe would also observe that in considering the subject committed to them they have been led to suppose that a further saving may be made by keeping a Latin & Greek Grammar school 2 months in walnut swamp district which they respectfully suggest for the consideration of the town —

Jn.o Sprague Pr. Order.

Voted to dissolve this meeting — Jn.o Sprague Moderator

Attest Wm. Stedman Town Clerk —

March meeting adjourned 1797—

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Lancaster on Monday the first day of May A.D. 1797. at 4 o'clock P.M being an adjournment of the annual March meeting last— The town proceeded — viz —

Chose Caleb Lincoln Pound keeper —

Timothy Whiting jun refusing to serve as one of the committee for hiring a Latin Grammar School mr. The present year — Voted & chose Merrick Rice in his stead

Money raised for 1797—

Voted To raise by Appeasment Two thousand five hundred & seventy dollars to defray the expenses of the town the current years,

Voted To appropriate four hundred dollars for the payment of Revd A. Thayers Salary the present year —

Voted To appropriate two hundred & fifty dollars for the support of the Latin Grammar School the present year

Voted To appropriate five hundred dollars for the support of the English Grammar Schools the present year —

Voted by ballot & chose Benjamin Wyman Constable for the ensuing year —

Voted to dissolve this meeting

Jon Whiting Moderator —

Attest Wm Stedman Town Clerk —

Lancaster May 8. 1797. Benjamin Wyman personally appeared & took the oath required by Law, as a Constable of the Town of Lancaster for the year ensuing — Before

Wm Stedman Town Clerk —

Lancaster July 29. 1797. Caleb Lincoln personally appeared & was sworn to the faithful performance of the duties of the Office of pound keeper to which he was elected the ensuing year Before

Wm Stedman Town Clk

Warrant
Dec.r 1. 1797.

To William Stedman Esq.r Town Clerk, Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in Lancaster on Friday the first day of December next at two of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles.

First. To choose a Moderator to govern the meeting.

2. To see if the Town will pay the demand exhibited against them by Joshua Fletcher for the support of his Sister Lately deceased, or act any thing relating thereto.

3. To select and regulate (according to the Law in such case made and provided) the List of such persons as the Selectmen judge well qualified to serve as Jurors, that purpose

Given under our hands & seals
att Lancaster, Novem.r 15. 1797.

Mersick Rice, Oliver Carter, John Thurston } Selectmen of Lancaster

To the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified as above mentioned. Greeting

You are hereby notified & warned to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes above directed

Lancaster Nov.r 15.th 1797

Wm.m Stedman Town Clerk

Lancaster Dec.r 1.st 1797. I have notified & warned the inhabitants of the town of Lancaster to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrant, by posting up the same according to Law

Wm.m Stedman Town Clerk

At a meeting of the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in town affairs legally assembled at the meeting house in said Town on Friday the first day of December AD 1797

Voted & chose Dea.n Joseph Wales Moderator

Voted to choose a committee of three persons to take into consideration the account exhibited against the town

by Joshua Fletcher & enquire into the circumstances relating to it, & report at March meeting next — 1797

Voted & chose, Daniel Stearns / Elisha Rugg / Jno Whitney } said Committee — Dec 7, town meeting —

Voted, that the first twenty on the reported list for Jurors, be put into the petit Jury box for the Supreme Judicial Court — (See report on file) Jurors — Selected Dec 4 1797 —

Voted, that the remainder of the said List be put into the petit Jury box for the Courts of Sessions & Common Pleas —

Voted, to dissolve this meeting —

Joseph Wales Moderator —

Attest

Wm Stedman, Town Clerk

Seal

To William Stedman Esq Town Clerk Greeting. Warrant for March meeting 1798.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified by law to vote for Representatives and in Town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in Lancaster on Monday the 5th day of March next, at two of the Clock in the afternoon, to act on the following Articles, viz. —

First. To choose a moderator to govern the meeting in town affairs.

2d. To choose Town Officers for the year ensuing.

3d. To raise such sum or sums of money as the town shall judge necessary to defray their expences for the year ensuing, & appropriate the same —

4th. To give in their votes for a County Treasurer.

5th. To see if the town will take down & remove one of the Chimneys in their Latin Grammar School house & make the necessary repairs provided they should so do. —

Given under our hands

and

1798 –
March.

and Seal this nineteenth day of February A.D. 1798

Merrick Rice, Oliver Carter, John Thurston } Selectmen of Lancaster.

To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified as aforesaid, Greeting. —
You are hereby notified & warned to assemble at the time & place mentioned in the foregoing warrant & for the purposes therein directed.

Wm Stedman Town Clerk

Feby 19. 1798 –

Lancaster March 5. 1798. Pursuant to the warrant to me directed I have notified & warned the freeholders & other inhabitants of Lancaster to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes therein mentioned, by posting the within warrant as the Law directs –

Wm Stedman, Town Clk

Proceedings of March meeting 1798.

At a meeting of the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster legally assembled on Monday the 5th day of March A.D. 1798.

Voted and chose Samuel Ward Moderator.

The Selectmen's account of expenditures for the past year, being read,

Voted to commit the same to a Committee of three to examine & report thereon at the adjournment of this meeting. Chose, John Whiting, Ephraim Carter, Samuel Ward } Committee

Voted, & Chose William Stedman Town Clerk. –

" Chose John Maynard, Town Treasurer

" Chose Merrick Rice, Oliver Carter, John Thurston } Selectmen –

Oliver Carter requesting to be excused from serving as a Selectman,

Voted & chose Joseph Wales a Selectman in the place of Oliver Carter,

Voted & Chose Ephraim Carter, Jonas Lane, Paul Willard } Assessors –

March meet. 1798

Voted & Chose, Surveyors of Highways: Thomas Ballard, Paul Whiting, Mahasseh Knight, Benj.a W. Willard, Ezra Willard, Silas Thurston; Paul Faulkner, Edward Goodwin, Isaac Rugg, Joseph White, John Hunt, Edward Fullerton

" Chose, Peter Thurston jun.r, Richard Nevers, Paul Whiting & Sylvester Phelps, Fieldrivers

" Chose, Daniel Goss, & Jonathan Whitney Surveyors of Clapboards & Shingles &c —

" Chose, Jonas Fairbank & Joseph Farwell, Fenceviewers

" Chose Samuel Wilder, Abijah White Surveyors of Staves &c

" Chose Elisha Rugg, Daniel Goss, Tythingmen

" Chose Joseph Carter Sealer of Leather

" Chose Amos Sawyer & James Carter jun.r Hogreeves

Voted To defer the choice of Pound Keeper for the present.

Voted & Chose Samuel Ward, John Maynard & River Carter a committee for hiring a Latin Grammar School master

Voted, That a committee be chosen to visit the Schools, & to consist of eleven —

Chose, Rev.d Nathaniel Thayer, Samuel Ward, Tim.o Whiting jun.r, Wm.s Stedman, Ebenr Torrey, John Maynard — Committee for visiting Schools: John Sprague, John Whiting, Joseph Wales, Jonas Lane, John Thurston

Voted by ballot & Chose John Sprague, Ebenr Torrey, Wm.s Stedman, Merrick Rice, Fish Wardens

Voted To raise Four Hundred Dollars for repairing highways, to be worked out thereon at the same rates as at last year. —

Voted To defer the raising of other monies to the adjournment of this meeting —

Votes given in for a County Treasurer, being counted & sorted were Ninety two for Samuel Allen of Worcester.

Voted, to choose a committee of three persons to take into consideration the fifth article in the warrant, & report thereon at the adjournment of this meeting. Chose, John Whiting, Jonathan Whitney & Moses Sawyer, said Committee ---

Voted To adjourn this meeting to the first monday in April next at 4 O'Clock, P.M. — Adjourned to April 1st Mon: 4 o'clock P.M.

Samuel Ward Moderator

Attest, Wm.s Stedman Town Clerk —

Lancaster March 5.th 1798. Pursuant to a warrant from John Maynard Esq.r one of the Selectmen of Lancaster, to me Samuel Ward directed, I have notified the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Lancaster qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Meeting House in said Lancaster on Monday the 5.th day of March 1798 at 9 o'clock A.M. by posting up attested copies of said warrant at the Meeting House & at the dwelling house of Mr. Samuel Wilder in said Lancaster fourteen days before the day of said meeting, & by reading the same in the Meeting House aforesaid on the Lord's day next before the day of said meeting. Samuel Ward

Warrant for April Meet.g 1798

To William Stedman esq.r Town Clerk, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote for Governor &c and in other Town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the second day of April next, at 2.o Clock P.M. to act on the following articles, viz.

1.st To give in their votes for Governor Lieut.t Governor, Counsellors & Senators, for the year ensuing. —

2. To choose a Moderator to govern the meeting. —

3. To hear the report of their Committee on Joshua Fletcher's account against the Town (chosen Dec.r 1 1797) or act any thing relative to said account. —

4.th To appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of repairing Walnut-Swamp Road (so called) or act any thing relative to said road. —

5.th To direct the sale of their Land purchased of Moses Dickerson or act any thing relating thereto. —

6.th To abate the Taxes of Nath.l Willard & Jos.h Carrol contained in Mr Constable Wyman's Rate-List of 1793. —

7.th To give in their votes for or against a seperation of the county of Worcester, into two distinct Counties, agreeably to a resolve of the General Court of this Commonwealth past the 12.th ult.o. —

Given under our hands and Seal this 17.th day of March A.D 1798

Joseph Wales } Selectmen
John Thurston } of Lancaster

To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified as aforesaid — Greeting —

You are hereby notified & warned to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing Warrant. —

Lancaster March 17.th 1798. Wm Stedman Town Clerk

Lancaster April 2. 1798. I have notified & warned the inhabitants of Lancaster qualified as within mentioned to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes within directed by posting up this warrant according to law

Wm Stedman Town Clerk

Proceedings of April Meetg. 1798.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Lancaster qualified to vote for Governour Lieut.t Governor Counsellors & Senators & legally assembled at the meeting house in said town on the first Monday of April AD 1798 being the 2 day of said month. —

The votes given in for Governour Lieut.t Governor Counsellors & Senators being sorted & counted are as follow viz,

For Governor

His Excell.y Increase Sumner 68
James Sullivan ---- 4
Moses Gill ----- 1.

For Lieut. Gov.r

His Honor Moses Gill 64.

Counsellors & Senators

Salem Town.	55.	Levi Lincoln	27.
Josiah Stearns.	54.	Bezaliel Taft.	4.
John Sprague.	52.	Benj.a Reed —	3
Phinehas Merrick.	44.	Artemas How —	4
Elijah Bigham.	37.	Benj.a Heywood	2

The votes given in upon the expediency of dividing the County of Worcester into two seperate & distinct Counties were as follows viz —

For such division. 3. Against such division 107. —

Voted & chose Samuel Ward Moderator —

The Report of the Committee on Mr Joshua Whitcher's account expressed in the 8 article of the warrant being read,

Voted to accept the same. — See this report next after the account of expenditures & return thereon —

Money to repair Walnut Swamp road

On the 4th article, Voted to raise One hundred dollars & appropriate the same to the repair of Walnut Swamp road. —

Voted that the expenditure of that sum be under the direction of some one person —

Voted & chose John Maynard for that purpose. —

On the 5th article, Voted to authorise & direct the Selectmen to make sale of the land purchased of Moses Dickenson on the best terms they can for the town. —

Voted to dissolve this meeting —

Sam.l Ward Moderator

Attest Wm Stedman Town Clerk —

March Meet[g] — Adjournment

Proceedings 1798 —

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Lancaster on Monday the second day of April A.D. 1798 at 4 o'clock P.M. being an adjournment of the annual March meeting last — The town proceeded as follows — viz —

The Committee to whom the consideration of the 5th article in the warrant, was committed report as follows — viz —

"The Committee to whom was submitted the consideration of pulling down one of the chimnies in the Latin Grammar School House &c report, That it will be expedient that the chimney at the east end of the School House be pulled down; & the expend attending the busines & repairing the place where it stands is estimated at three dollars; That two new seats be constructed at the east end — the old writing benches be removed & replaced with new ones of 18 inches width with back boards & that the hearth at the west end be enlarged, this last expence 13 dollars, amounting in the whole to 16 dollars. —

John Whiting
Jon[a] Whitney
Moses Sawyer
} Committee

Lancaster Apr: 2. 1798 —

Voted to accept the above report. —

Money raised — & Appropriated for 1798 —

Voted, To raise Two thousand five hundred dollars to defray the expences of the town the ensuing year. —

Voted to appropriate Four hundred dollars for the Rev[d] Mr Thayer's Salary the ensuing year.

Voted, to appropriate Two hundred dollars for the support of the Latin Grammar School & five hundred hundred dollars for the English Grammar Schools. — & Seventy five dollars for support of a Singing School. —

Voted, to accept the report of the committee appointed to examine the prudential accounts exhibited by the Selectmen the past years. —

☞ See the accounts on the next page & the report thereof following —

Voted by ballot & chose Benjamin Wyman Constable of Lancaster the ensuing year. —

Voted, That the committee appointed for the purpose of removing the Pound, remove the same on to the land of Jacob Sweetser, he having given his consent thereto. —

Voted & chose Jacob Sweetser Pound keeper. —

* The account of the selectmen with the town Treasurer being omitted at the time of making up the records of the meeting it was voted & made the record of the meeting &c. Attest Timothy Wilder Town Clerk.

An account of the expenditures of the Town of Lancaster A.D. 1797

Sundry orders for support of John Priest's Wife	£. 156, 38.
do do for support of Wid. M. Manning	24, 44
do do for support of Wid. Selamew Nichols	29, 68
do do for support of Wm. Deputron	24, 22
do do for support of Wid. Martha Wheelock	32, 45
do do for support of Baby Browns	1, 00
Sundry orders for support of Jos. Priest & Wife	89, 23
do do for support of Jerusha Osgood	45, 71
An order for support of Ephraim Manning	1, 50
do do for support of Sally Manning	11, 76
Sundry orders for support of Mary Dickerson	71, 05
do do for support of Molly Crosman	3, 95
do do for support of Jotham Woods	44, —
An order for support of Hannah Bemis	20, 66
do for support of Elisha Coolidge	4. 28
Sundry orders for Overseeing the Poor	45, —
do do for entertaining Town Officers	37, 90
An order for services of your Committee at the General Sessions of the peace several times	14, 00
Sundry orders for taking Invoice & assessing Taxes and entertaining Assessors	60, 94
do do for rendering the effects of the late Widow Nichols and survey of land belonging to the Town	8, 80
Sundry orders for support of Latin & School	181, 22
do do for support of English & School	500, 00
do do for support of Singing School	72, 25.
do do for abatement of taxes	13, 17
do do upon rects due from the Town Prior to 1797	618, 11
do do for sweeping & repairing the Meeting house	12, 25.
do do for support of Neck Bridge	252, 37
do do for support of Whites Bridge	1, 00
do do for support of small bridges	11, 44
do do for the Rev. Nathaniel Thayers Salary	400, 00
An order for clearing & cutting the brush in the burying Ground	2, 25
An order for Grave Stones for the late Rev. Tim. Harrington	16, —
do do for Stationery furnished the Town	1, 25.
	£. 2786, 66

March 5th 1798

Merrick Rice
Oliver Easter
John Thurston
} Selectmen of Lancaster

Lancaster April 2d 1798. The Committee to whom was referred the examination of the account of expenditures of the Town of Lancaster for the year 1797 have attended the business and report, That the accounts of the

1798 — Selectmen are fairly stated and properly vouched. That in the faithful discharge of their duty, the best interest of the Town of Lancaster has been attended to; & that the Selectmen are entitled to the approbation & thanks of the Town. —

John Whiting
Sam[l] Ward } Committee

N.B. Capt. Ephraim Carter being indisposed did not attend the examination —

Report on Joshua Fletcher's Acct —

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the account of Mr Joshua Fletcher, for nursing & Miss Hannah Fletcher in her last sickness; do report that he receive; in addition to sundry articles, as annexed, which she died seized of, the sum of twenty five dollars in full of all accounts. —

1 old bed bedstead & bedding	6. —
1 Silk Cloak	3. 50
3 old aprons	1. —
1 Note of hand signed Joshua Nugg	3. 33 1/3
11 lb old pewter	1. 50
1 Gown	2. 50
	D. 17. 83 1/3

Consented to, Joshua Fletcher —

Lancaster March 5. 1798. —

Daniel Stearns
Elisha Nugg
John Whiting Jr } Committee

Entered by Wm Stedman Town Clerk —

Lancaster April 9th 1798 —

Benjamin Wyman Personally appeared & took the oath by law prescribed to qualify him for a Constable of said Lancaster, to which office he was duly elected for the year ensuing —

before Wm Stedman Town Clerk —

Dr. Capt. John Maynard Town Treasurer, in acct current with Town of Lancaster Cr.

Town Treas.rs Acct with Selectmen for 1797.

1797.	To ball.e due the Town on settlement for 1796	£ 167-28.	
	To sundry assessments for the year 1796	2898, 89.	
	To d.o - d.o for funeral expenses of the late W.m Manning.ton	42, 83.	
	To d.o - d.o Amount of Highway Taxes for 96	13, 56.	
	To d.o - d.o Ministers Salary & bal.e of Town.l expenses	486, 73.	
	To balance carried to new acc.nt	583, 18.	
		£4192, 47	
1797.	By amount of orders paid Selectmen for the y.r	£ 1377, 84	
	By D.o D.o - D.o	200, -	
	By D.o D.o - D.o	299-30	
	By D.o D.o - D.o	167, 67.	
	By D.o D.o - D.o	602, 18	
	By D.o D.o - D.o	1967, 50	
	By balance due the Town on Mr Constable Wyman's Rate List for 1793 the collection of which is being suspended by vote of the Town March 2. 1795	17, 98	
		£ 4192, 47	

Lancaster March 22. 1798.

Errors Excepted

Merrick Rice, Oliver Carter, John Thurston — Selectmen of Lancaster

Entered by Wm Stedman Town Clerk

Warrant for May Meeting 1798.

To William Stedman esqr. Town Clerk — Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote for a Representative & in town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the seventh day of May next, at 2 o'Clock P. M. for the following purposes. viz.

1. To choose a Person to represent them at the General-Court, appointed to be held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next.
2. To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting.
3. To direct the Selectmen to give Constable Wyman an order for the amount of Taxes set to Nath.l Willard and Jos.h Carrol in his Rate List of 1793 & act any thing relative to said Taxes.
4. To hear the request of Capt. Ephraim Carter for an allowance of Interest on twenty five Dollars, advanced by him for the Town, some time since, & act any thing relative to said demand.
5. To act any thing relative to enlarging the old burying Fields, or the purchase of land for a new one.
6. To enquire in what manner Citizens of the Town, who are not lawfully settled herein may become so; and act any thing relating to the subject of such enquiry.

Given under our hands & seal this 23d day of April A.D. 1798.

Merrick Rice, Joseph Wales — Selectmen of Lancaster

To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster — Greeting

You are hereby warned to assemble at the time & place and for the purposes above mentioned.

Lancaster April 23. 1798.

Wm Stedman Town Clerk

Lancaster May 7. 1798. Pursuant to the within Warrant I have warned the Freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes herein directed by posting up this warrant on the two Meeting houses

Wm Stedman Town Clerk

May Meeting 1798 Proceedings

At a meeting of the freeholders & other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote for representatives and in town affairs legally assembled at the meeting house in Lancaster on Monday the 7th day of May AD 1798 at 2 Clock P.M. —

Voted to choose a person to represent them in the General Court the ensuing year —

Votes given in for a Representative being counted & sorted are as follows viz. —

Whole number 52.

For. John Sprague 48.
John Maynard 3 —
John Whiting — 1. —

The Selectmen declare the choice of John Sprague esqr for Representative. —

Voted & chose John Maynard, Moderator —

Voted, That the Selectmen give Benjamin Wyman, Constable, an order on the Collector for the amount of the taxes mentioned in the 3d article he becoming responsible to the town for them, should he at any time hereafter be able to collect the same. —

Voted That Ephraim Carter be allowed the interest on twenty five dollars he paid for the benefit of the town from the time said sum was paid viz. from July 16. 1792. —

Voted to choose a committee to purchase a suitable place for a burying field. —

Voted that the committee consist of three. —

Voted & chose Jonathan Whitney, Joseph Wales & Jonas Lane, said committee —

Voted, To choose a committee of three to take into consideration the 6th article —
Chose Jos.n Sprague William Stedman & Timothy Whiting jun.r for said committee —

Adjourned Voted to adjourn this meeting to the last monday in May current at 2 Clock P.M. —

John Maynard Mod.r
Attest Wm Stedman Town Clk

Warrant for Town Meetg May 28th 1798

To William Stedman esqr Town Clerk — Greeting —

Seal — In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts — you are hereby required to warn the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster to assemble at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the twenty eighth day of May current at 2 Clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz. —

1. To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting. —
2. To consider what measures the Town will adopt relating to a petition of sundry Inhabitants of Pepperel, Groton Shirly, & presented at the last Session of the General Court, praying for a repeal of the law for preventing obstructions to the passage of the Fish called Salmon Shad and Alewives on Nashua River or act any thing relating to it. —
3. To direct the Selectmen to furnish Powder for the Consumption of the two Companies at all Regimental Reviews,
4. To raise money necessary for the expence of the foregoing articles to enable the Selectmen to purchase the Stock of Ammunition for the town required by Law — and for sundry utensils of arms which are necessary for persons who are unable to supply themselves — or act any thing relating to the same. —
5. To direct the Latin Grammar School to be kept in the same manner the ensuing, as the last year, or act any thing relating thereto. —
6. To choose a Committee to convey into effect, the report of the Committee relative to taking down one of the Chimnies in the Latin Grammar School house, and make the necessary repairs. —
7. To choose a Committee to hire a singing-School master. —

Given under our hands & seal this fourteenth day of May Ad 1798. — Merrick Rice, Joseph Wallis, John Thurston } Selectmen & Assessors

To the Freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster Greeting —

You are hereby warned to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrant

Wm Stedman Town Clerk

Lancaster May 28. 1798. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of the town of Lancaster to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes therein directed by putting up this warrant at the meeting house according to Law —

Wm Stedman Town Clerk —

Meet.g of May 28th 1798 opened & adjourn.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Lancaster assembled on the forgoing warrant & notification on Monday the twenty eighth day of May. A.D 1798 at two of the clock P. M. —

Voted & chose John Maynard Moderator —

Voted to adjourn this meeting a quarter of an hour —

Adjournm.t of annual May meeting Proceedings

The annual May meeting being adjourned to this time, the town ~~being~~ assembled on such adjournment & proceeded as followes — viz —

Voted To accept the verbal report of the committee ~~appointed~~ to whose consideration the 6th article was referred, which is as followes — viz — That the subject of that article be referred to the selectmen they to communicate with the committee thereupon & receive from them the result of their enquiries & thereafter to act their discretion relating thereto. —

Voted to accept the report of the Committee on the purchase of a burying field. — which is as followes, viz —

The Committee chosen at a former meeting to purchase a piece of Land for a burying field, have attended that business & report — That they have bought of the Revd Nathaniel Thayer & John Sprague 2d agreeably to the above plan*, for which, they have agreed to pay Mr Thayer fifty dollars on his executing a Deed to Mr Sprague of the Gore of Land between the old & new burying fields, which he agrees to receive in exchange for what the town will have of him, and each of them giving a Deed to the town agreeably to the above Plan. — The Committee found it necessary to contract with the Gentlemen purchased of, to erect a good handsome double stone wall or close board fence round the whole and to keep it in repair with a gate in front & rear, & to make a good passable road below the field for Mr Thayer to pass to his interval, and they are of opinion, that a Committee ought to be chosen to direct the levelling of the ground, to lay it out in form agreeably to said plan, to build the fences & make the road for Mr Thayer. —

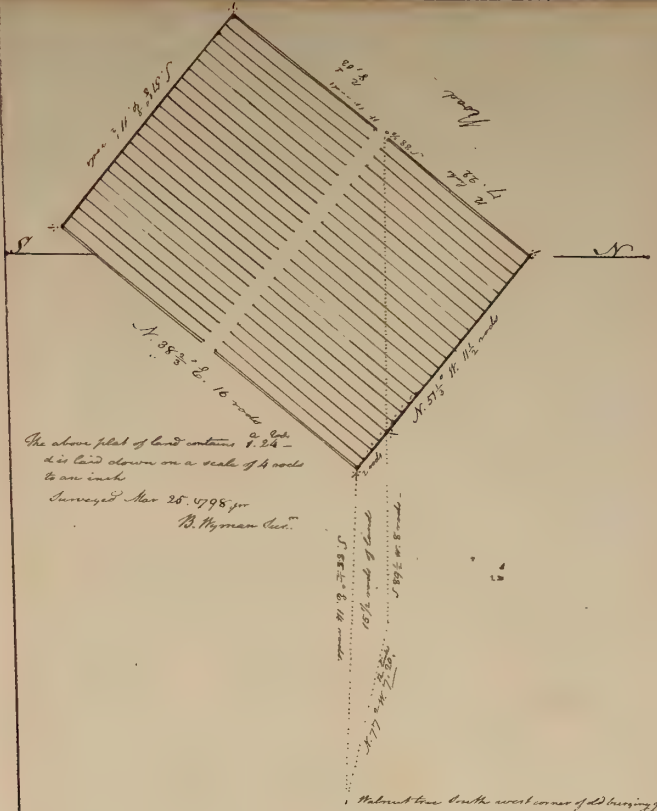
* see plan on the opposite page —

Lancaster May 28. 1798 —

Jon.a Whitney
Joseph Wales
Jonas Lane

1798.

New Burying Field



The above plat of land contains 0. 1. 24 — & is laid down on a scale of 4 rods to an inch

Surveyed Mar 25. 1798 per

B. Wyman Surv.

Walnut tree by the west corner of the burying ground.

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed to carry into effect the said report.

Voted, & Chose Joseph Wales, John Thurston, Jonas Lane } Committee for the above purpose.

Voted, To postpone the determination respecting the kind of fence which shall inclose the burying field, to some future meeting, that the above committee in the mean time be directed to enquire what fence can be erected cheapest.

Voted to dissolve this meeting —

John Maynard Modr —

Attt Wm Stedman Town Clerk

The business on the warrant for this day's meeting being resumed the the town proceeded as follows viz —

Voted, That the representative of Lancaster be & he is hereby requested & instructed to remonstrate against the prayer of the Petitions prefered to the Genl Court at their last Sessions from Sunbury

Further proceedings of May 28th Meeting —

Sundry inhabitants of Peppenell Groton Shirley &c praying for a repeal of the law regulating the catching of Salmon Shad & Alewives & for preventing obstructions in Merrimack River & in the other Rivers & Streams running into the same &c passed Mar: 4. 1790 & to oppose the granting the prayer thereof at his discretion. —

Ammunition at Musters

one half pound of Powder for each man at Regimental Musters.

Voted That the Selectmen be authorized to furnish each non-commissioned officer & private of the militia companies of Lancaster on the application of the commanding Officer of said companies such quantity of powder as may be ordered for consumption at regimental musters, not exceeding at any one time half a pound to each man. —

Voted to raise forty dollars to be expended in the purchase of the above powder by the Selectmen. —

Voted That the Latin Grammar School be kept in the same way as last year. —

Voted To choose some person to carry into effect the report of the committee respecting the school house chimney & the repairs therein. —

Voted & chose Jonas Lane, committee for that purpose.

Voted To choose a committee of three to hire a singing School Master —

Chose, Jonathan Wilder
Joseph Wales
Daniel Rugg
} Committee —

Voted To dissolve this meeting.

John Maynard Modr

Attd Wm Stedman Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meetg. June 18. 1798.

To William Stedman 2d Town Clerk. Greeting.

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified as said Town on Monday the 18th day of June current, at 4 Clock P. M. to act on the following Articles. Viz.

1st To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting. —

2d To choose an Assessor vice Capt. Carter Deceased. —

3d To hear and act on the report of their Committee chosen at a former meeting to make an estimate of the expense of erecting fences round the new burying Ground. —

1798.

4. To direct the Selectmen to furnish each non-commissioned Officer & Private in the two Lancaster companies with Cartridges required by law at the annual reviews and act any thing relating thereto. — Ammunition for Militia Co's at Review in May annually

5. To raise Money necessary to carry into effect the foregoing articles to purchase the Town Stock of Ammunition — to purchase sundry stands of Arms. —

6. To act any thing relative to raising money for, or opening the road lately laid out by a Courts Committee, from Leominster through the Northerly part of this town.

Given under ~~our~~ hands & Seal this 4th day of June A.D. 1798 —

Joseph Wales } Selectmen
John Thurston } of Lancaster

To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster — — — — Greeting —

You are hereby warned to assemble at the times & place & for the purposes above mentioned. —

June 4. 1798. Wm Stedman Town Clerk

June 18. 1798. These certify that the Town Clerk has posted the within warrant at the meeting house in Lancaster, agreeable to Law — Joseph Wales Town Clerk. pro: tem:

Attr Wm Stedman Town Clerk —

Proceedings June 18. 1798

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, legally assembled at the meeting house in said Town on Monday June 18. 1798 —

Chose, Joseph Wales Town Clerk pro. tem —

Chose, Capt. Saml Ward Moderator.

Chose, Brig. Genl Jno Whiting Assessor —

Voted, That the Committee for erecting a fence round the new burying field, be and they are hereby directed to build said fence with Boards and timber. —

Voted, That the Selectmen be directed to furnish twenty four Cartridges with Balls to each non commissioned Officer & Private in the two Companies of Militia, to be packed in boxes, to be open to the inspection of the commanding Officers of said Companies at the annual inspection, and such other times as may be required — and to be delivered to the commanding Officer of said companies whenever the public service shall require it — such Officer to be responsible to the Selectmen that the ammunition so delivered shall be returned, except what may be expended in public service. —

Voted, To raise one hundred and ninety dollars for the purpose of

of purchasing the Town Stock of Powder & Balls & for Cartridges for the two Lancaster Companies. —

Voted to raise One hundred & forty Dollars to enable the Selectmen to purchase a number of stand of Arms for the use of those persons who are unable to supply themselves.

Voted, to choose a Committee of five to view the Road mentioned in the 6th Article and report at the next meeting. —

Chose Timothy Whiting jun^r Esqr.
Mr Oliver Carter
Capt. Jno Maynard
Col. Henry Hashelle
Mr Eli Stearns —
} Committee

Voted to dissolve this meeting —

Saml Ward^d Mod^r

Attest Jo: Wales J. Clerk
Pro. tem. —

Entered from the minutes —

Attest Wm Stedman Town Clerk.

Lancaster July 14. 1798. Personally appeared John Whiting and took the oath prescribed by Law to qualify him for an Assessor for the town of Lancaster the ensuing year

Before Wm Stedman Town Clerk.

Lancaster & Shirley Line run Sept. 17. 1798

We the Subscribers Selectmen of Lancaster & Shirley have perambulated the Line between Lancaster & Shirley this seventeenth day of September AD 1798, Began at a Stump & Stones on the bank of Nashaway River North of the Bridge (called the Shaken Bridge) being the corner of said towns, from thence running North 73½ D. West 696 Rods to a red oak Stand with a pile of Stones being Shirley & Lunenburgh Corner. —

John Thurston
Benj^a Wyman
} Selectmen of Lancaster by appointment of Selectmen of Lancaster

Joshua Longley
John Eggerston —
} Selectmen Shirley. —

Lancaster & Lunenburgh Line run Sept. 24. 1798

We the Subscribers hereby certify that we have this day perambulated the dividing line between Lancaster and Lunenburg, and renewed the bounds agreeably to Law —

September 24. 1798 —

Joseph Wales
John Thurston
} Selectmen of Lancaster

Josiah Hastwell
Joseph Stearns
Eph^m Reynolds
} Selectmen of Lunenburg.

Lancaster & Boylston Line run Octr 10. 1798

We the Subscribers hereby certify that we have this day perambulated the dividing line between Lancaster and Boylston and renewed the bounds agreeably to Law.
Octr 10. 1798 –

Joseph Wales } Selectmen
John Thurston } of Lancaster
Oliver Sawyer } Selectmen
John Andrews } of Boylston

Warrant for Town Meet^g Novr 5th 1798

To William Stedman 2nd Town Clerk, Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to warn the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster duly qualified to vote for a Representative in the Genl Court of this Commonwealth & in Town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in said Lancaster on Monday the fifth day of November next at two of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles (vizt)

1. To give in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative in the Congress of the United States for the fourth Western District of this Commonwealth –

2. To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting in town affairs –

3. To see if the town will appoint an Agent or Agents to oppose the acceptance of the report of a Committee who have laid out a public road in the south part of this town near to Simon Bullard's or act any thing relating thereto –

4th To hear the report of their Committee touching a road laid out from Leominster line through the north part of Lancaster or act any thing relating thereto. Given under our hands & Seals this 22^d day of October A.D. 1798

Merrick Rice } Selectmen
John Thurston } of
Joseph Wales } Lancaster

To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Lancaster qualified as above mentioned Greeting –

You are hereby warned to assemble at the time & place and for the purposes directed in the foregoing warrant. –

Lancaster Octr 22 1798 – Wm Stedman Town Clerk

Pursuant to the within warrant, the Freeholders and other Inhabitants in Lancaster, qualified as within mentioned, have been duly warned to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes therein mentioned

Lancaster. Novr 5. 1798 John Whiting Town Clerk. P.T.

Entered by Wm Stedman Town Clerk

Oct 22 1798

Proceedings of a Town meeting held Nov 5. 1798 begun at two Oclock P M for purposes specified in a Warrant dated Oct 22. 1798 -

Voted & chose John Whiting Town Clerk, Pro Tempore

Upon Article 1. The Votes given in to the Selectmen, for a Representative in the Congress of the United States for the fourth Western District of this Commonwealth were,

For Dwight Foster Esqr 53

For Levi Lincoln Esqr 4.

Art 2. Chose Captain Samuel Ward Moderator

Art 3. Voted & chose Captain Samuel Ward and William Stedman Esqr Agents to approve the acceptance of the report of a Committee who have laid out a public road in the South part of this town near to Simon Butler's.

Article 4. Voted That the Select men be directed, without delay, to repair the new road laid out from Lancaster line in the north part of the town, in the cheapest and most expeditious manner.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Saml Ward Mod^r

Attest John Whiting Town Clerk P. T.

Entered from the minutes

Wm Wm Stedman Town Clerk -

Lancaster & Sterling line run Septr 22. 1798

We the Subscribers hereby certify that we have this day perambulated the lines between Lancaster and Sterling and renewed the bounds as followes vizt Begining at Leominster little south of a pine stump at a stake & stones, thence S 70 3/4° E 160 rods to Stake & stones, thence S. 5 1/2° W. 455 rods to Walnut, - S 62 1/2 E. 28. Stake & Stones

thence S. 21 3/4 W. 33 rods,	Stake & Stones,	S. 70 E. 40 1/4	W. rods		
" S. 20 1/2 W 120 " -	- - Elm -	S. 80 E 73	"	White oak	
" S. 14 1/2 W. 44 " -	Stake & Stones	due west 51	"	do	
" S. 56. W. 106 " -	- - Elm	S. 7 3/4 E. 66	"	Walnut	
" S. 54 1/4 E. 34 1/3	- - Stake & Stones	S 7 1/2 W 23	"	Stump & Stones	
" S. 29 1/2 E. 79 1/4	- - Stake, Stones	S. 50 3/4 W. 63	"	Stake & Stones	
" N. 40, W. 58 "	White oak	S. 76 W 167 1/2		Stump & Stones	
" S. 5 3/4 W 88 - -	White oak	N. 60 W. 126	"	Red oak	
" S. 26 3/4 E. 62 "	Walnut,	S. 84 1/2 E. 34.		Stake & Stones	
" S. 24 1/2 E 37	Elm Stump	S. 9 3/4 W. 191. - -		Chesnut	
" S. 8 E 112 "	White pine	S. 77 1/2 W. 56 —		White Oak	

thence streight line to Bayberry corner —

September 22. 1798 -

Joseph Wallis, John Thurston } Selectmen of Lancaster

Tim^o Kilburn, John Snow — } Selectmen of Sterling —

Warrant for March meeting 1799.

To Capt. Benj^{a} Wyman Constable - - - - - - Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in said town on Monday the 4th day of March next at 2 Clock P.M. to act on the following Articles viz.

1. To choose a Moderator to govern the meeting.
2. To choose Town Officers for the year ensuing.
3. To give in their votes for a county treasurer.
4th. To raise Monies to defray the necessary expences of the town for the ensuing year, and appropriate the same. —
5. To choose a committee the same to procure the necessary materials, to put and keep the several large bridges in Town in good repair, the ensuing year, in the most durable & least expensive method they can adopt. —
6. To abate, suspend, or give an order for the Taxes set to John Campbell, & Abner Whitney for the year 1796, and those set to Nathl Miller, Stephen Pratt and William Shorer for the year 1797 in Mr Constable Wyman's rate Lists, or act any thing relating to said Taxes. —
7th. To authorize Mr Saml Wilder to freighten the road by his house at his own expence, provided he shall make the road as good as it now is. —
8th. To act any thing relating to the petition of Ebenr Allen and others, praying the Town to take charge of & repair Prescott's Bridge, so called. —
9th. To authorize the Selectmen to sell a small piece of their Town land, & repair his house, if they shall think the measure expedient. —
10th. To direct the Selectmen to place Trees at the corners of the roads where Guide Posts are required to be placed by Law.

Given under our hands & seal this 18th of February 1799. -

John Thurston } Selectmen
Joseph Wales — } of Lancaster

Lancaster Feby 18. 1799 -

To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to meet at the ~~meeting~~ time and place and for the purposes directed in the foregoing Warrant —

Benj^{a} Wyman Const^{le} —

Lancaster March 4. 1799. I have notified & warned the Freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster to assemble at the time & place within directed by posting this warrant at the meeting house according to Law. —

Benj^{a} Wyman Const^{le}

Entered by Wm Stedman Town Clerk —

Proceedings of March meet 1799.

At a meeting of the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster legally assembled on Monday the 4th day of March A.D. 1799. —

Voted & chose John Whiting Moderator.

The Selectmen's account of expenditures for the past year being read, Voted to commit the same for examination to Timothy Whiting jun. Ebenezer Torrey & Eli Stearns.

The Town Treasurer's to being read, Voted to commit the same for examination to the same committee. —

Voted & chose William Stedman Town Clerk

Voted & chose John Maynard Town Treasurer

Voted & chose Joseph Wales, Josiah Flagg, Joseph White } Selectmen. —

Voted to defer the choice of Assessors to the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted & chose

Thomas Ballard.	Thomas Safford
Jacob Fisher.	Josiah Flagg
James Clark.	Daniel Allen
Henry Haskell.	Eli Stearns
Samuel Ballard.	Simon Butler
John Thurston.	Nathaniel Low

Highway Surveyors.

Voted & chose John Ballard, Richard Haven, Jacob Fisher & Joseph Farwell, Field drivers. —

Voted & chose, Jonathan Whitney & Daniel Goss, Surveyors of Clapboards & Shingles. —

Voted & chose, Elijah White & Joseph Rogers, Fenceviewers

Voted & chose, Samuel Wilder & Elijah White Surveyors of Staves & hoops. —

Voted & chose Daniel Goss & Elisha Rugg Tythingmen —

Voted & chose Edward Goodwin Sealer of Leather —

Voted & chose Amos Sawyer & John Maynard Hogreeves

Voted & chose Jacob Sweetser Pound keeper —

Voted & chose Samuel Ward, John Maynard & Oliver Carter a Committee for hiring Latin Grammar Schoolmaster

John Maynard requesting to be excused, chose John Whiting in his stead. —

Voted to choose a committee of eleven to visit the Schools — Chose Nath.l Sawyer, Ebenr Torrey, Jonas Fairbank, Israel Atherton, Jon.a Sprague, Wm Stedman Tim.o Whiting jun., Jo.s Whiting, Jo.s Thurston, Jonas Lane, Daniel Rugg, Committee

Lancaster March 4th A.D. 1799 At a Legal meeting of the Freeholders & other inhabitants of said Town duly warned & holden this day for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing Warrant, the Votes passed as recorded in the foregoing Records, were carried in the affirmative by a majority of the votes of the inhabitants present & qualified to vote in Town affairs. Attest Stedman Town Clerk

Voted by ballot & chose John Sprague William Stedman, Esqrs.
Jonas & Merrick Rice Fish wardens —

Voted & chose Jonathan Wilder, John Thurston & Sam[l] Rugg
for hiring singing School masters

Votes for County Treasurer handed in counted & sorted
Sam[l] Allen esq[r] had 38. —

Voted to adjourn over the 4th Article in the warrant

5 On the 5th Article Voted & chose John Maynard, Benjamin
Houghton & John Thurston a committee for the
purposes therein mentioned —

6 Voted to adjourn over the 6th Article in the warrant —

7 On the 7th Article Voted that Samuel Wilder have leave
to straighten the road by his house at his own expence
on the proviso contained in the same article. —

8 Voted to dismiss the the 8th Article —

9 Voted — that the 9th article be adjourned over —

10 Voted That the Selectmen be directed to place bones at the
corners of the roads where Guide Posts are required by
law. —

Voted to adjourn this meeting the first monday in April
next, to meet at this place at 4 o'Clock P.M. —

John Whiting Moderator —

Attest Wm Stedman Town Clerk —

Warrant for April Meet[g] 1799. —

To Capt. Benjamin Wyman Constable — Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you
are hereby required to warn the Freeholders & other Inhabi-
tants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Governour
& in Town affairs, to assemble at the Meeting house in
said Town on Monday the first day of April next at 2 o'Clock
P.M. for the following purposes viz: —

1. To give in their votes for Governour, Lieut. Governour
Councellors & Senators for the year ensuing. —

2[d] To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting in town
affairs —

3[d] To direct their Selectmen to receive Jane Kendall from
the Town of Brookfield and pay for her support therein or
act any thing relating to said Jane. —

4th To appropriate a sum of Money for the purpose of repairing
the road from Josiah Sawyers to Aaron Sawyers Mills — or act any
thing relating to the same. — Given under our hands & Seal
this 18th day of March Domini 1799. Joseph Wales } Selectmen
Josiah Flagg } of
Joseph White } Lancaster —

To the freeholders & other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified as above mentioned — Greeting —

You are hereby notified and warned to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes above directed —

Lancaster March 18th 1799 — Benja Wyman Constle

Worcester ss. Lancaster April 1st 1799 —

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the freeholders & other inhabitants of said Town of Lancaster by posting the within warrant at the meeting in said Town as the law directs —

Benja Wyman Constle —

Attest Wm Stedman Town Clerk — — — —

April Meetg 1799 Proceedings

At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified as the Constitution provides to vote for Senators & Representatives, Legally assembled on the first Monday in April AD 1799 being the first day of said month —

The votes handed to the Selectmen for Governour Lieut. Governour, Councellors & Senators are as followd viz:

For Governour

His Excellcy Increase Sumner 74.
Moses Gill — — — — 1. —

For Lieut Governour

His Honor Moses Gill — — — 62.

For Councellors & Senators. — —

Sylvn Town	60.	Thomas Hale — —	9.
Josiah Stearns —	59	John Whiting — —	5.
John Sprague —	51.	Bezaleel Taft. —	10.
Elijah Brigham	52.	Benja Reed — —	2.
Natl Paine —	50	Pliny Merrick —	2.
		Jabez Upham —	1. —

Article 2. Voted & chose John Whiting Moderator.

Voted to dismiss the 3d Article. —

Article 4th Voted that the repair of the road mentioned in this article be made by the Selectmen —

Voted to dissolve this meeting —

John Whiting Moderator

Attest Wm Stedman, Town Clerk —

The adjournment of March meeting being openened viz. April 1st Monday 1799. 4 o'Clock P. M.

March meet adjourn'd proceedings 1799

The Town proceeded as follows viz.

The report of the Committee on the prudential accounts being read. Voted that the Committee state the reasons on which their report is founded & thereupon —

Voted, That the report be recommitted and that Jour. be added to the committee who shall consider & report on all the points stated in the aforesaid report & what manner will be most proper to keep the accounts & state the prudentials of the town in future. —

Voted & chose Saml Ward, Jonathan Whitney, Benjamin Houghton & James Carter jun for the additional committee

Voted & chose John Whiting, Jonas Lane & Paul Willard Assessors.

Article 4th. Voted to raise Four hundred dollars for repairing highways to be worked out thereon at the same rates as the last year —

Voted to raise Two thousand five hundred dollars to defray the expenses of the town the ensuing year.

Voted to appropriate four hundred dollars to the payment of the Revd Nathl Thayer's Salary

Voted to appropriate Two hundred dollars to support the Latin Grammar School to be expended in the same way as at last year. —

Voted to appropriate Five hundred dollars to support the English Grammar Schools to be laid out as at last year.

Article 6th. Voted That the Selectmen be directed to give an order to Constable Weymouth to discharge him from the Taxes set to John Campbell, Stephen Pratt & William Stone on his rate bill he being accountable for the same whenever he can collect them. —

Voted to abate Abner Whitney & Nathaniel Miller's taxes.

Article 9. Voted, that the Selectmen be authorized to expend fifteen dollars in repairing the house occupied by Jacob Divier. —

Voted to adjourn the further proceedings of this meeting to the first Monday in May next at 5 o'Clock P.M.

John Whiting Modr.

Attest Wm Stedman Town Clerk

* See report on the back of the Selectmen's account of expenditures for the past year, on file. —

Lunenburg April 1. 1799. Personally appeared John Whiting Jonas Lane & Paul Willard & were sworn to the duty by Law prescribed for Assessors of the town of Lunenburg for the year ensuing before me Wm Stedman Town Clerk —

Warrant for May meeting 1799 —

To William Stedman Esqr Town Clerk — Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby directed to warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote for a Representative and in other Town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the sixth day of May next at 2 Clock P. M. for the following purposes. Viz. —

1. To choose a person to represent them at the General Court appointed to be held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next.

2. To choose a Moderator, to govern the meeting in town affairs —

3. To consider the expediency of appointing a Sexton or Sextons, to take care of the Burying places, or act any thing relating thereto. —

4 To act any thing relating to erecting a Necessary building near the Latin Grammar School House —

Given under our hands & Seal this 20th day of April A.D. 1799 —

Joseph Wales } Selectmen
Josiah Sawyer } of
Joseph White } Lancaster

To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified as above mentioned — Greeting

You are hereby notified & warned to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes above directed —

Lancaster April 22^d 1799 — Wm Stedman Town Clerk

Lancaster May 6th 1799 Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified as within mentioned to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes within directed by posting this warrant at the meeting house in said town fourteen days

Wm Stedman Town Clerk.

May meeting proceedings

At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote for representatives and in town affairs legally assembled at the meeting house in said town on Monday the 6th day of May A.D. 1799 at 2 Clock —

Voted to choose a person to represent them in the General Court the ensuing year —

The Votes given in for Representatives being counted & sorted are as follows, Viz. for Hon: John Sprague 58.
Genl John Whiting 4. —

The Selectmen declare the choice of Hon John Sprague esqr for Representative. —

On the 2d Article Voted & chose John Whiting Moderator of the meeting in town affairs. —

On the 3d Article. Voted to refer this article to the Selectmen & that they be authorized to carry it into effect. —

On the 4th Article — Voted to choose a committee to erect a Necessary house near the Latin G. School house —

Voted & chose Mr Jonathan Whitney said committee

Voted to dissolve this meeting

John Whiting Moderator

Attst Wm Stedman Town Clerk

March meeting adjournment proceedings 1799

The annual March meeting being adjourned to this time & place viz. May 6. 1799 5 o'Clock P M. — The town proceeded as follows viz —

The Votes handed in for Constable being counted & sorted are as follows viz for Benj Wyman Jr. who is chosen —

The report of the committee appointed to examine & report on the prudential accounts of the town being read — Voted to accept the same

John Whiting Moderator —

Attst Wm Stedman Town Clerk —

Here follow the Prudential accounts & report thereon — viz —

An Account of the expenditures of the Town of Lancaster, from March 5th 1798 to March 4th 1799 —

			Dolls.	Cents.
Sundry	Orders for the Revd N Thayer Salary		400	00
do	do	support of L. G. School	123	71
do	do	do L. G. do	500	00
do	do	entertainment of Town Officers	33	21
do	do	preambulating Town lines	28	50
do	do	repairment of Fences	53	21
do	do	sweeping the meeting house	7	50
do	do	agent of the Town about Roads	9	12
do	do	recording births & deaths	6	24
do	do	Stationary	0	75
do	do	Abatement of Taxes	23	98
do	do	account due late C. Carter	33	25
do	do	binding & preparing massbusetts	25	69
do	do	repairing L. G. School house	25	20
				1270,36

carried over —

Account of expenditures for 1798 —

		dolls cents	dolls cents
	Amount brot over		1270, 36
D°	D° Three arms	39, 83	
D°	D° powder for Militia compan^{y}	38, 84	
D°	D° cash Town ^{rs} Jno Willard	2, 65	
D°	D° clearing old cem^{y} burying field	2, 08	
D°	D° recording town deeds	3, 61	
D°	D° paid for Larkin land	5, 91	
D°	D° repairing Bridges	187, 59	
D°	D° damage of road thro' D^{o} Derby's land	10, 50	
D°	D° vending town land	4, 90	
D°	D° repairing walnut st. road	100, 00	
D°	D° expended by Committee for hiring King J. S. Master	14, 00	
D°	D° moving the pound	8, 60	
D°	D° making a new road from Leominster line	50, 00	767, 61
Sundry	orders for support of M. Wheelock prior to 98	43, 33	
D°	D° D° D° for 1798	27, 69	
D°	D° D° Betsy Brown prior to 98.	14, 06	
D°	D° D° D° for 98	12, 81	
D°	D° D° Hannah Flatcher prior to 98	25, 00	
D°	D° relief of Moses Dickenson prior to 98	2, 06	
D°	D° support D° family for 98	107, 48	
D°	D° D° M. Manning prior to 98	31, 86	
D°	D° D° D° for 1798	12, 50	
D°	D° relief of Lois Haskell	3, 34	
D°	D° support of Jo Priest & Wife prior to 1798	19, 48	
D°	D° D° funeral of D° for 98	20, 83	
D°	D° moving goods of D°	1, 50	
D°	D° funerals of late Mrs Nichols	1, 67	
D°	D° death J. Rt. Manning prior to 98	3, 98	327, 54
D°	D° support of Lois Priest	85, 33	
D°	D° relief of Wm^{m} Depeutron	45, 86	
D°	D° support Jerw^{h} Osgood	50, 33	
D°	D° D° Sukey Manning	7, 00	
D°	D° relief Jotham Woods	51, 12	
D°	D° D° Jo: Chaplin's family	1, 17	
D°	D° D° John Britton	15, 83	
D°	D° D° N. Millard's family	55, 14	
D°	D° Cloathing furnished the poor pr Wales & Carter's bill	17, 89	
D°	D° overseeing the poor	45, 00	374, 67
			£. 2740, 18

Lancaster March 4. 1799 —

Joseph Wales } Selectmen
John Thurston } of Lancaster

Your Committee, to whom was recommitted the report relative to the prudential accounts of the Town have attended the business of their appointment — and are of opinion that the method adopted for keeping the accounts of the Town the past year — The manner in which charges have been made against the Town by individuals, allowed & paid, the kind of articles furnished for and manner of supplying the poor with clothing &c and the statements thereof to the Town have been such, that the interest of the Town requires the same should be fully made known. — They find upon examination that the committee who reported thereon have represented facts: but never thelefs, your committee do not mean to convey the least idea that there was any design in the Selectmen to defraud the Town —

Your Committee, in obedience to a Vote of the town, further report, that the prudential accounts of the Town ought to be accurately kept and so intelligibly stated to the town at their annual meeting in the month of March, every year, as fully to show the whole amount of the expences of the past year, setting forth the particular purposes for which the same have been appropriated; together with a list of the debts due to and from the Town and an estimate exprefsing such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to be raised and the purposes for which the same are to be appropriated the then current year. And in order that a Uniform method may be observed in keeping the accounts of the town; and that the same may be easily understood and inspected, Your committee subjoin the following plan as the best method, in their opinion for the Selectmen to observe and follow in keeping the accounts of the town, admitting charges, taking receipts and issuing orders thereof.

Viz. First the plan of the book for entering the orders & taking receipts —

N°	Date 1799	Sum	To whom issued	for what purpose	We the subscribers have received the sums set against our names
1	May 6.	$4.50	A —— B —	repairing Stable Bridge	A —— B.

Plan or method of exhibiting charges against the Town Viz. Dr The Town of Lancaster to A. B —

May 6. 1799 To 300 feet Plank @ $1.50 p hund. — $4.50

A. B —

which Account is to be filed with the number & date of the order on the back thereof. —

Plan of the orders to be issued

Lancaster May 6. 1799

viz: No 1. J. M. Town Treasurer,

Pay A. B. four dollars & fifty cents for Plank furnished for the Neck Bridge —

$4,50 —

} Selectmen of Lancaster

And in order to prevent accounts for different purposes being blended & facilitate making out the annual statement, your committee recommend the following additional method of entries. — viz

No	For what purpose	Sums
1.	For repairing Neck Bridge	$4. 50 —

and in this manner to keep every account seperate, which is for a seperate purpose, viz, boarding so much, clothing so much, for doctoring so much; for each individual supported by the town — and for every different kind of expence in the same manner — All which is respectfully submitted by

Lancaster May 6. 1799 —

Timothy Whiting jun.
Ebenr Torrey
Eli Stearns
Saml Ward
Jona Whitney
Benja Houghton
James Carter jun

} Committee

Dr Capt. John Maynard Town Treasurer, in Account with the Town of Lancaster Cr

1798 Mar: 5. To balance due the Town p last year's account — $2081,26
" Sundry assessments for same year — 2579,43
" do Minister Salary — 400,00
" do Singing School — 75,00 — 5135,69
" Cash received of James Clarke Esq 14,85
" Amount of Notes & Accounts collected for the Town — 45,94
" Do on Acct for do — 7,50 — 68,29
$5203,98

1799 Jany 1. By cash p do Delis Duty p Act — $10,50
Mar: 2. " Town orders for Selectmen's receipts 2085,61
" do — do — do — 498,34
" do — do — do — 45,94
" do — do — do — 7,50 — 2647,89
4. Balance carried to new Account 2556,09
2556,09
$5203,98

Lancaster March 4. 1799 Errors Excepted —

} Selectmen of Lancaster

Joseph Wales
John Thurston

Entered by Wm Stedman Town Clerk —

Lancaster June 16. 1799

Benjamin Wyman personally appeared & took the oath by Law prescribed to qualify him to serve as a Constable for the Town of Lancaster the year ensuing before

William Stedman Town Clerk

We the Subscribers have this day perambulated the lines and renewed the Bounds between the Towns of Lancaster and Bolton –

Novr 18. 1799

Nathl Longley Junr, Thirchet Moore, Silas Holman } Selectmen of Bolton

Entered from Original attest Wm Stedman Town Clerk

Joseph White, by appointment, B. Wyman } Selectmen of Lancaster

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These certify that the Subscribers have this day perambulated the line & renewed the bounds between the Towns of Lancaster & Harvard, agreeable to Law –

Novr 21. 1799.

Joseph Wales, Joseph White } Selectmen of Lancaster

Thomas Park, Nath. Farnsworth } Selectmen of Harvard.

Entered from the Original attest Wm Stedman Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meet^g Jany 6th 1800

To Capt. Benj^a Wyman. Constable Greeting

(Seal) In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the Sixth day of January next at 1 Clock P. M. for the following purposes, viz –

1. To choose a Moderator to govern the meeting.

2. To se_ if the Town will take any measures in future to rebuild the Bridges with Stone instead of wood as heretofore has been done – and to make seasonable contracts for the repairs of any of the roads in the town and to defend the suits of the town respecting Highways & Bridges therein and to accomplish any ends or purposes they may think proper respecting highways & Bridges –

3. To consider the expediency of building an Almshouse, or act any thing relating to the support of the Poor in future.

Given under our hands & seal, this 23^d day of December A.D. 1799

Joseph Wales, Joseph White } Selectmen of Lancaster

These are to notify & warn the Freeholders & Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes mentioned in the above warrant –

Benj^a Wyman Const^l

Lancaster Dec 23. 1799. Entered for

Wm Stedman Town Clerk

Worcester ss Lancaster Jany 6. 1800 By virtue of the within Warrant I have notified & warned the Freeholders & Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned by posting the same at the Meeting house as the law directs — Benj^{a} Wyman Constable —

Proceedings Jany 6 1800

At a legal meeting of the Freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster held agreeable to the warrant for that purpose, on Monday the 6th day of Jany A.D 1800 they proceeded as follows viz —

1. Chose Genl John Whiting Moderator
2. Chose Benjamin Wyman Clerk pro tem^{pe}
3. Voted to pass over the 2^{d} article for the present —
4. Voted that a Committee of four persons in conjunction with the Selectmen be chosen to take up the third Article in the warrant & report at the next Town Meeting — Chose Mr Eli Stearns, Saml Ward & Tim^{o} Whiting Esq^{rs} & Capt. John Maynard —
5. Voted on the second article in the warrant that a Committee be appointed to consider & report at the adjournment of this meeting; whether any advantages can be derived from a turnpike through the town, or, from any alteration in the roads through the same & the manner of altering, making good & repairing the roads together with the Bridges; & to devise & report such measures they may think expedient for lessening the great expense the town is at respecting roads & Bridges —

Chose, John Sprague Samuel Ward & Tim^{y} Whiting esq^{rs} Capt. John Maynard John Thurston, Moses Sawyer Merrick Rice esq^{r} Jon^{a} Wilder, Eli Stearns William Stedman esq^{r} & Daniel Rugg. —

6th Voted that this Meeting be adjourned to the first Monday of March next at three of the clock in the afternoon —

John Whiting Moderator

B. Wyman Jr Clerk pro tem^{pe}

Entered from the minutes

W^{m} Wm Stedman Town Clerk

To Capt. Benjamin Wyman Constable Greeting

Seal

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby directed to warn the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Meeting House in said town, on Wednesday the fifth day of February next at 1 Clock P.M. for the following purposes. viz.

1st To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.

2d To adopt suitable measures for carrying into effect the proclamations, lately issued by the President of the United States, and the resolutions passed both houses of Congress, in consequence of the distressing event of Providence, in depriving the World of our illustrious and beloved General George Washington.

Given under our hands & Seal this 20th day of January Domini 1800.

Joseph Wilis } Selectmen
Josiah Flagg } of
Joseph White } Lancaster

Worcester ss. These are to notify & warn the freeholders & inhabitants of the Towne of Lancaster to assemble at the time & places & for the purposes mentioned in the above warrant.

Lancaster Jan.y 22. 1800. Benj.n Wyman Constable.

Worcester ss. Lancaster Feb.y 5. 1800 By virtue of the within warrant I have notified & warned the freeholders & Inhabitants of said Town of Lancaster to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned by posting the same at the meeting house as the law directs. —

Benj. Wyman Const.e

Entered by Wm Stedman Town Clerk

Warrant for Meeting Feb.y 5.th 1800

Washington Obit Dec.r 14.th 1799. Æ tat: 68.

At a meeting of the freeholders & other inhabitants of the towne of Lancaster duly notified & legally assembled on Wednesday the 5th day of February A.D 1800, at 1 Clock P.M.

Voted & chose Capt. John Maynard Moderator —

Voted that the consideration of the second article be committed to a committee of seven, they to report thereon to this meeting —

Voted & chose Lieu.t Jn.o Whiting, Eli Stearns, William Stedman, Josiah Flagg, John Maynard, Deac.n Benjamin Houghton & Capt. Isaac Fisher — Committee —

Voted to adjourn this meeting half an hour —

At the adjournment of this meeting, The following report.

Proceedings Feb.y 5. 1800

report of the committee on the second article is handed to the Moderator & is as follows — Viz:

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the second article in the warrant, beg leave to report. viz. The inhabitants of this town sensibly affected by the afflictive dispensation of Divine Providence in the removal of their illustrious & beloved Patriot & citizen General George Washington do propose the following Vote, viz:

That they will form in procession at the house of James Liswell on the 22d day of February instant, & move precisely at 11 Clock A.M. accompanied by the members of Trinity Lodge, attended by the Military of the town, & preceeded by the youth, to the Meeting house; and that the Revd Nathaniel Thayer be requested to attend with them, and by a suitable eulogy or discourse & prayer, to commemmorate the eminent virtues of the deceased; in compliance with the Presidents Proclamation of the 6th January last. —

That the male citizens on that day wear a black crape or ribband on the left arm above the elbow, and that it be recommended to the females to wear a black ribband on their hats or bonnets. —

That the Selectmen purchase four yards of decent black cloth to shroud the pulpit, & afterwards present the same to the Revd Mr Thayer —

That Genl Whiting, Joseph Wales & Caleb Lincoln be requested to marshal the procession on that day.

That the order of procession be made public on the Sabbath evening next preceeding the 22d of Feby instant —

Pr Order, John Whiting

Voted to accept the foregoing report —

Voted, That the Selectmen & Town Clerk make known to Mr Thayer the request of the town contained in the foregoing report —

Voted to dissolve this meeting —

John Maynard Modr

Attest Wm Stedman Town Clerk

Nov 18th 1799. — We the Subscribers have this day perambulated the line and renewed the bounds between of Lancaster & Bolton —

Joseph White
Benj[a] Wyman
Select men from Lancaster appointed

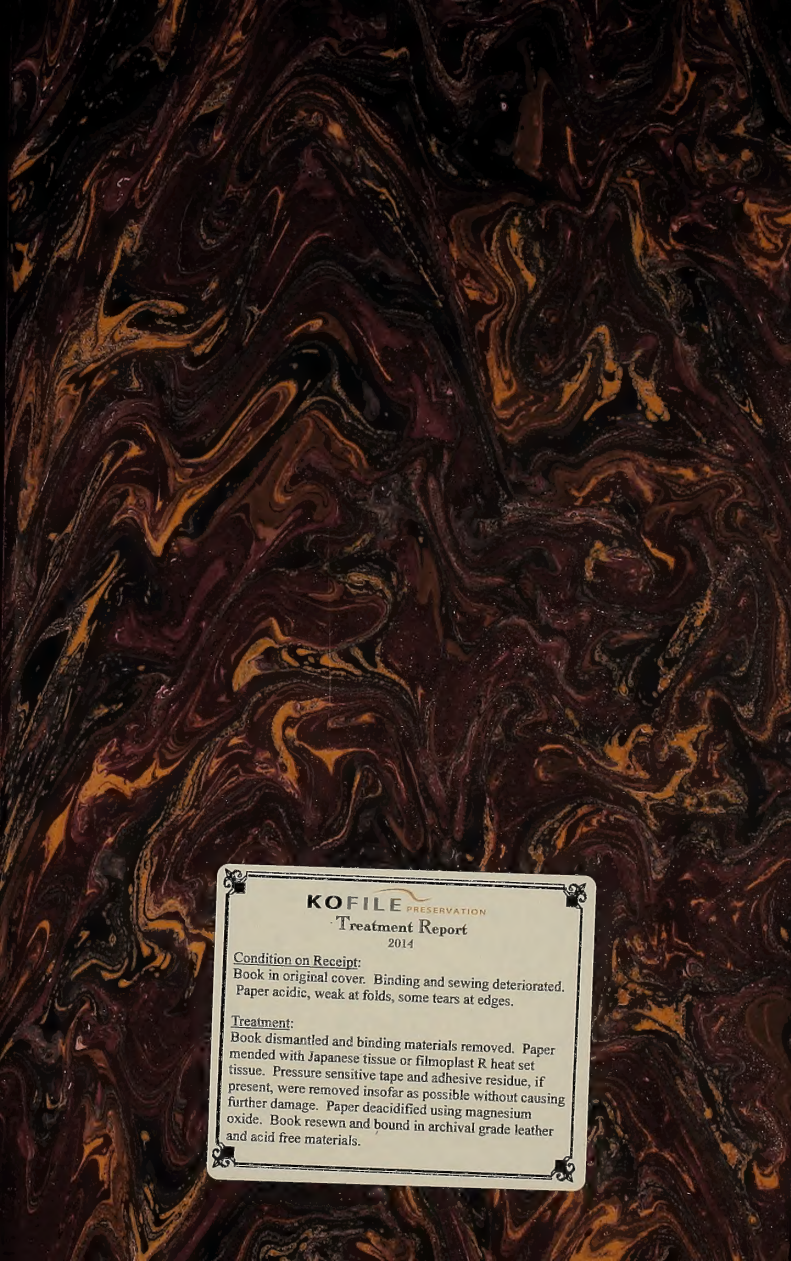
Silas Holman
Nath[l] Longley jun[r]
Phinehas Moore
Select men of Bolton

1799
Nov 18.
Bolton line run.

a true copy from record
Attest Stephen Gardner
Town Clerk of Bolton

Bolton Oct[o] 7th 1803.

true copy from original certificate on file Attest Josiah Hagg Town Clerk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